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EIGHTH ARMY INSIDE MAIN ROMMEL LINES

FRONT-LINE DESPATCHES YESTERDAY STATED THAT GENERAL MONTGOMERY HAS REGAINED THE INITIATIVE IN THE TERRIFIC NON-STOP BATTLE OF MARETH, AND IS MAKING PROGRESS IN FACE OF FIERCE GERMAN RESISTANCE.

The Eighth Army's new positions now reach right inside the enemy's main defences, Algiers Radio announced last night.

At some places ground was gained at the point of the bayonet.

But of far greater value than the territorial gains, the announcer added, are the losses which Rommel has suffered in the fighting.

Berlin Radio admitted that the Axis forces had been forced to withdraw both in the coastal sector of the Mareth Line and on their flank in the direction of El Hamma.

Towards El Hamma, the German Radio said, "far superior British tank forces attacked after thorough artillery preparation.

"In hard battles, lasting for several hours, the Germans held their positions everywhere except at one small stretch which was effectively sealed off."

After claiming that 37 British tanks were knocked out, the Berlin report admitted that in the Mareth positions "a few advanced protective outposts were brought back to our main lines according to plan.'

Allied headquarters still maintained silence about the details of the fighting, but the communique spoke of "satisfactory results."

It added that in one sector—which was not named—our forces carried out a successful attack, and operations are proceeding according to plan, in spite of stiff resistance from the enemy.

"MANY PRISONERS WERE TAKEN."

The battle has now been going on for a full week, but lack of spectacular news is not surprising when it is remembered that it took the gallant Eighth Army nine days to breach the less formidable defences at Alamein.

SPARRING FOR KNOCK-OUT

There are indications that we shall not have much longer to wait before the curtain of silence is raised on some, at least, of the operations.

For the present, however, while the Allied forces spar for the knock-out our commanders are rightly ensuring that no indiscreet word shall betray their plans.

A dozen Axis radio stations are frantically fishing for information. The "news" they are putting out reveals their fear that Rommel may yet be cut off by an Allied thrust to the coast further north.

Apparently the Axis see three danger-points:

1.—They report that Montgomery is swinging armoured forces round the Mareth flank to reinforce the Allied threat to El Hamma.

2.—The Americans, they say, are being reinforced in the Maknassy area, only 35 miles from the sea.

3.—The First Army are said to be probing the enemy defences with shock troops and may soon take the offensive.

Meanwhile, the main weight of Allied air attacks is in the south. In what was described as "a really terrific" night-and-day blitz on the enemy at El Hamma, nearly 200 tons of bombs were dropped.

HEAVY AIR ATTACKS

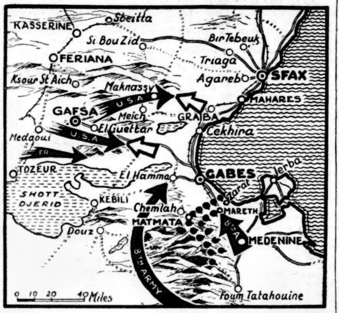
Our Halifaxes, Wellingtons, Bostons, Baltimores and Mitchells went over wave after wave, cables Alan Humphreys, Reuter's special correspondent.

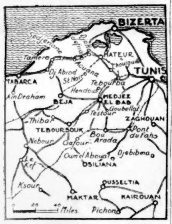
Before the day raids were over there were fires everywhere. Even to the fighter-bombers, flying at great speed through the atmosphere thick with dust and smoke, it was apparent that the troops beneath had been thrown into confusion.

Out of one concentration of 50 enemy vehicles, 40 were set on fire, and altogether it is estimated that 100 vehicles were destroyed and 200 damaged.

Other Allied aircraft, ranging over Rommel's communication lines all the way back to Tunis, pasted enemy airfields, hit the docks at Sfax, plastered the Sfax-Gabes road and wrecked an Axis train.

In all these operations we lost only one aircraft. Eight of the enemy were shot down. Two more Axis bombers were destroyed in an ineffective night raid in the Algiers area.





North Livens Up

YANKS OPEN ATTACK NEAR PICHON

From DAVID BROWN,
Reuter's Special Correspondent
Central Tunisia, Saty.

AMERICAN infantry launched an attack early this morning in the direction of Fondouk, about ten miles south of Pichon. Excellent progress was made during the first hours of the attack.

The attack has presumably been made in the direction of Kairouan, which lies 23 miles to the south-west on the road to the port of Sousse.

Further details are not yet available.

The whole front in central and northern Tunisia is now livening up.

First Army patrols are probing the enemy lines, inflicting casualties and taking some prisoners.

The Allied communique described these activities as "reconnaissance sweeps in force." They are apparently intended to test the enemy's defences and seek information about his troop dispositions.

"CRACK BRITISH TROOPS"

One British force had a brush with the enemy about four miles north-east of Medjez el Bab in the area of a hill that was the scene of Christmas fighting.

Other patrols were out further south across the Ousseltia valley.

British and American troops are increasing their preparations for an offensive on the Ousseltia and Pichon fronts, commented the German News Agency last night.

"British crack troops have been observed in the area of Medjez El Bab. They arrived there only a short time ago from Britain," the agency added.

"Movement of British and American columns in Northern and Central Tunisia was considerably stronger than on previous days.

"The bringing up of further artillery forces and the range-finding of some batteries indicates that powerful break-through attempts are to be expected."

The ground is now hardening in the north under the increased sunshine, and tropical kits are being brought out.

Further south, at El Quettar, the front was almost suspiciously quiet, both sides sunning themselves within sight of each other.

"It's like a Sunday afternoon in the park," said one officer.

Giraud Picks A Jew As Minister

From ALAN HUMPHREYS,
Reuter's Special Correspondent

GENERAL GIRAUD has for the first time appointed a Jew to a ministerial post—M. Rene Mayer, who, as Secretary for Communications, will co-ordinate all means of transport.

M. Mayer, who was for ten years a member of the Council of State in France, left the administration in 1928 and joined the Compagnie des Chemins de Fer du Nord, whose vice-president he became.

After the war broke out he went to London as chief of a mission from the Ministry of Armament and chairman of the Inter-Allied Executive Committee for Armaments and Raw Materials.

Russian Fighting Fierce, But

NAZI HOPES FADE ON DONETZ

From HAROLD KING, Reuter's Special Correspondent
Moscow, Saturday.

HITLER'S hopes of leaving anything but dead Germans on the other side of the Northern Donetz are now fading fast. Russian resistance is as steady and implacable as ever.

With the ground already softening under the thaw, today's dispatches report a "comparative weakening" in the scale of the furious German attacks in the Chuguyev sector, east of Kharkov.

The enemy have not given up, but the spring mud and the roaring Donetz flood waters, valuable reinforcements for the Red Army's barrier of men and steel, are not far away.

Fighting is still continuous and stubborn, for any breakthrough here would mean an immediate threat to big Soviet forces further north, apart from valuable advantages in any German offensive after the thaw.

The struggle is chiefly concentrated in the elbow of the Donetz and on hills dominating sectors of the right bank.

The Red Army has succeeded in keeping a number of bridgeheads on the right bank and controls all the crossings.

At night von Manstein has lately resorted to "sneak tactics." Small groups of Germans come stealing across the river under cover of dusk. So far they have been promptly mopped up without exception.

Reports today mentioned a forest plateau north of Chuguyev as the scene of fierce fighting. Large concentrations of the Luftwaffe and numerous field guns were subjecting the Russians to terrific bombing and shelling, it was stated.

On the SMOLENSK front the Russians have gained more ground, although the thaw is daily reaching a little deeper into the frozen earth.

The Red Army has improved its positions on the approaches to Dorogobuzh, about 45 miles east of Smolensk, while "Red Star" reports "continued development of the Soviet offensive south of Byeli."

This is the Soviet drive on Smolensk from the north-east.

The advance through the swamp and pine forest country south of Byeli is slow and painful. Dozens of German "suicide" rearguards and garrisons are dotted over the countryside, and the few available roads are heavily mined.

"German Collapse In Autumn"

Stockholm, Saturday.

MAJOR WILLY KLEEN, one of the most authoritative of Swedish commentators, forecasts a successful Allied invasion of France and the Balkans and a complete German collapse by the autumn.

"The complete change in the strategical situation which we are now witnessing is more than a German failure,' he says. "It is the beginning of the end."

"The Germans are now fighting, not for victory, but for a tolerable peace."

In common with other experienced observers here, Kleen believes the Germans are concentrating reserves against Russia not because they do not expect an Allied invasion, but because they first want to weaken Russia to such an extent that her voice will be less weighty during the peace negotiations.—Reuter.

We Train Ski Troops

ALLIED troops in the Middle East are learning ski-ing 7,000 ft. up in the mountains, it was disclosed in Cairo yesterday.

They will form the nucleus of ski troops who, in snowbound country, would undertake duties normally allotted to infantrymen.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIP TORPEDOED

Loss of a medium-size American merchant ship by torpedo in the Caribbean Sea was announced by the United States Navy Department yesterday, stays a Reuter cable from Washington.

500 Britons Dropped By Air

'GHOST ARMY' WAITING IN NORWAY

"ABOUT 500 British Secret Service agents and the same number of Norwegian officers and troops have been dropped over Norway during the winter and are now hiding up, awaiting the signal for action."

This was a report in the Stockholm newspaper "Extrablad" yesterday.

German spies have secured information of "widespread military organisations," it stated.

"There is now an army of ghosts in Norway which may one day spring into action," the report said.

Fresh searches, it was stated, were recently made of homes in the Joessing region on the discovery by the occupation authorities that more than 8,000 revolvers, 12,000 rifles and 320 machine-guns had vanished.

10 P.M. CURFEW

A state of partial emergency has been proclaimed in Rjukan, southern Norway, where three saboteurs "in British uniforms" blew up the German-controlled Norsk Hydro Works last month, according to other reports reaching Stockholm.

The population has been ordered to remain indoors between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

No reason for this curfew has been given. It is apparently a reprisal for the inability of the Germans to catch the saboteurs.

The quislings are becoming more and more alarmed and prefer to live only in large towns like Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim, where they feel fairly safe under the protection of the Wehrmacht.—Reuter.

"Stalin Too Busy To Talk"

Washington, Saturday.

STALIN is too busy winning the war to hold any conferences on post-war policies at present, said Senator Reynolds, chairman of the U.S. Senate Military Affairs Committee, today.

The Senate is now considering proposals for collective security after the war.

The Foreign Relations Sub-Committee is beginning its study of six resolutions against international commitments on Tuesday.

Senator Reynolds added that he doubted whether the Soviet Premier desired to commit Russia to any post-war policies at the moment.—Reuter.

'Gib' Crowded With Ships Says Nazi Radio

Berlin is worried about a great concentration of shipping at Gibraltar. Quoting a report from La Linea, the Nazi radio said the harbour at "the Rock" was congested with freighters, empty tankers and transport ships.

"They are berthed so close that the Port Commander has ordered that all must put to sea if an enemy plane approaches," the radio, quoted by Associated Press, added.

EUROPE'S SECRET CALL TO ARMS

4,000,000 Turned Into Nazis' Slaves

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MILLIONS of men, women and children torn from their homes at the bayonet point, turned into slaves by the Nazis . . . but, growing throughout the occupied countries, a spirit of hatred and revolt and a determination to bring about Hitler's downfall.

That is the story of life inside Europe, told this morning in news cables from the U.S. and in secret messages smuggled out of the occupied countries.

"Nazi society is a primitive brute force in which the bayonet and the concentration camp have replaced the free labour market," says an analysis of the German conscription system, issued today by the U.S. Office of War Information.

"Men, women and children are shifted about forcibly from one end of Europe to the other like pawns in a gigantic game of chess, and millions of captive peoples are exploited by the master race under an economic blood hierarchy based on Nazi racial myths."

It is estimated in the analysis that between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 foreign civilians, including 200,000 Dutchmen, are now working in Germany.

"The Nazis, desperately needing manpower and fearful of the coming invasion of Europe, have apparently decided to ignore the matter of efficiency, and to solve their labour problems regardless of the cost by conscripting slave labour in bulk.

TRANSPORTED AT 16

"They have broken down elaborate industrial operations into simple processes enabling them to use large groups of unskilled and semi-skilled foreign workers.

"They are transporting thousands of young foreigners between the ages of sixteen and twenty to Germany for training, and have extended forced labour to the children of Europe."

"Nazi slave labour society is not merely a temporary phenomenon," the report concludes. "It represents the Nazi conception of the New Order, under which they claim the right to rule over a continent of serfs."

"COMPATRIOTS: TO ARMS!"

And here, from inside Europe, are the stories of spreading resistance—and stories showing increasing German nervousness about the possibility of early Allied invasion:—

HOLLAND.—Dutch patriots have sounded a nation-wide call to arms.

"Compatriots: to arms!" is the summons of a pamphlet distributed all over the country through the channels of the secret Press.

The pamphlet shows that the Netherlands Government's appeal for resistance is already known throughout Holland.

FRANCE.—In a new round-up of possible sympathisers of the Allies Gen. Altmeyer, former chief of the French Secret Service, and M. Bancal, editor of the "Petit Marseillais," have been arrested.

The round-up is being conducted by the Gestapo, and any person suspected of even remote intention of aiding an Allied invasion is being placed under lock and key.

The German authorities have issued a warning that "any person proven to be in collusion with invaders, however high his position or prestige, will be dealt with in a summary way."

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Nazis Seek New Battle Bases

HITLER HAS A "PLAN" FOR SPAIN

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

HITLER, his position made critical by recent developments in Russia and Tunisia, has, I understand, again "turned the heat" on Spain—this time more fiercely than ever before.

He is reported to have returned to his Spanish plan, details of which I revealed some time ago, as perhaps his last hope of breaking through the tightening Allied stranglehold and establishing new U-boat bases beyond normal RAF range.

The Nazi plan to counter the Allied drive in Tunisia proposed to make use of Spain in one or more of three ways:

(1) *Active Spanish intervention on the side of the Axis;*

(2) *German occupation of the Balearic Islands to dominate the western Mediterranean; and*

(3) *Right of way for Nazi forces to invest Gibraltar and occupy key points in Spain and Spanish Morocco.*

Hitler, I am informed, is putting forward his demands through Count von Schulenburg, newly arrived Nazi Ambassador to Madrid. In brief, those demands are, so far as I can gather:

(1) If active Spanish intervention is impossible, only token resistance must be offered in the event of a Nazi swoop on the Balearics or through Spain;

(2) If no "official" Nazi entry into Spain itself is made for political reasons, the Spanish Government must remain blind to the use of their bases and harbour facilities by U-boats, especially Bilbao in the north, and Cadiz in the south;

(3) If Franco obstructs he will be replaced by pro-Nazi ex-Foreign Minister Serrano Suner, and Spain will immediately have to pay for the cost of German help in the Civil War;

(4) If Franco plays ball, he will be firmly established, with or without a monarchy as he pleases.

Allied Governments have been aware for some time of these German plans. I understand that they will not be caught unprepared, should Hitler attempt a coup, though naturally I cannot discuss counter-measures.

21 German Officers Die: "Treason"

Stockholm, Saturday.

THREE German Army officers, a captain and two lieutenants, have been executed at Kristiansand, Norway, for "co-operation with the enemy," the Swedish newspaper "Svenska Dagbladat" reports today.

"Co-operation with the enemy" is supposed by the paper to mean that the officers gave assistance to local Norwegian patriots.

A few weeks ago, 18 German officers and men were executed at Kristiansand on a similar charge, the paper adds.—Reuter.

Four U-Boats Reported Sunk In Convoy Battle

Lisbon, Saturday.

REPORTS are circulating in shipping circles here that four U-boats were sunk for the loss of only one cargo boat when a large Allied convoy going to North Africa was attacked for two days by a big formation of U-boats.

The reports state that the battle took place four days ago.

The convoys were said in Lisbon to be using new tactics against U-boats, with considerable success.

Instead of dispersing, as in the past, they now join closely together with their escorting warships around them.

As a result, many U-boats have been sunk and Allied shipping losses have been lighter.

The reports said many convoys have fought fierce battles with U-boats which attack in large formations.—B.U.P.

Axis Launches Big Offensive Against Serbs

FIVE Axis divisions have launched a full-scale offensive against General Mihailovitch's Serbian "Chetniks" in Yugoslavia in an effort to wipe them out before the Axis is driven back into Europe and the Allies threaten the Balkans.

At the same time the Germans have started killing all prominent Yugoslav citizens in their hands in order to strip the country of potential leaders.

Nearly 3,000 civilians have been killed in Serbia this month, according to reports reaching Yugoslav headquarters in Cairo.

It is estimated that 120,000 Yugoslavs are fighting the Axis troops, but they are being attacked by planes and artillery which they lack themselves.

"Our Chetniks are poorly fed and lack supplies," said the Yugoslav spokesman in Cairo, "although occasional aid reaches them. There is no telling what their fate will be unless the Allies decide to invade the Balkans this year."

WOP DESERTERS

At present the German Gen. Loehr has about 500,000 men under his command throughout the Balkans, but the number of Italians used is growing smaller and smaller, and Italian units are being replaced by men from various Balkan satellites of the Axis.

According to Yugoslav reports the number of desertions from the Italian Army has jumped by leaps and bounds since the RAF and American bombers began bombing Italy from south and north.

The Chetniks are doing all that they can to stop the Axis strengthening their positions in the Balkans. Day and night work is going on in building air and naval bases on the Dalmatian and Greek coasts, and tremendous quantities of supplies are being taken to these points.

Both Yugoslav and Greek guerillas are continually attacking bridges and tunnels and derailing trains in an effort to tie up Axis communications.

Yugoslavia has paid a terrible price for its resistance to Germany.

It has lost a million men in two years since the Government which wanted to give in to Germany was overthrown.

Tens of thousands are in labour camps in Occupied Europe.—B.U.P.

Axis Talk—New Offensive In Russia

CLAIMS that new German armies—"concentrations at least as strong as those which launched the summer offensive last year"—are grouping for a new Axis offensive on the Russian front were made in German-controlled news agency dispatches to Stockholm yesterday.

These new forces, according to the Axis reports, include new, untried divisions as well as veterans who have been training all during the winter behind the German lines. They will relieve the forces at present on the Russian front.

The formations include infantry, artillery, Alpine and paratroops.

These reports follow the virtual slackening of operations on all the Russian fronts.—B.U.P.

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Let's Talk It Over

"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" Writes on "Things That Matter to You and Me"

NOBODY can blame the Prime Minister for refusing to make *rash* promises or declining to draw blank cheques upon the national revenue after the war is over. On the other hand, the war has taught us that materials and man-power count for far more than money. Indeed, the old economic system has been blown to pieces by events. And though we certainly cannot "afford" to go on spending goods and work without limit after Hitler has been beaten to "death, dust and ashes," it is equally true that we *can* afford to set up a new and better social order when peace comes.

Churchill made a notable broadcast last Sunday night. There was a time when any statesman daring to proclaim such a bold and generous gospel of reform would have been denounced as a "raving Socialist."

But we have moved so far and so fast since 1939 that the Premier's critics today attack him not for expecting too much, but for venturing too little; not for excess of zeal, but rather for over-caution.

"Man o' the People" has to admit that, to some extent at least, he shares this critical estimate of an historic pronouncement.

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PROGRESSIVE thinkers cannot quarrel with the main objectives of the Churchill "Four Year Plan." It includes, among other things, an' unqualified acceptance of the principle of "national compulsory insurance for all classes, for all purposes, from the cradle to the grave."

That is, I suppose, the bedrock of "social security" in our time. It is the essence of the Beveridge Plan, and the Premier—veteran political strategist that he is—compelled my admiration by presenting Sir William as his own personal discovery and by backing up his projects in general terms, *which do not bind him to particular or immediate action.*

But let that pass. Winston, while refusing to add anything whatever to the qualified undertakings of Kingsley Wood and Lord Simon, has now sponsored a general plan which, at some future date, may give us Beveridge, or something like it.

Unfortunately, he has no intention of putting any such plan into operation until after Hitler is beaten, and only then upon condition that our financial resources will stand the strain.

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MR. CHURCHILL has disclaimed any intention of setting up a "Centre Party" under his own direction to control the country in the first years of peace.

On the other hand, he made it clear that, if he is spared and if the public gives him the mandate, he would be pleased to continue at the head of a Coalition Government or, indeed, one made up of the best men in Parliament irrespective of Party interests altogether.

The idea has its pleasing aspects. It was amusing, for instance, to notice how so many Party politicians grew agitated at the mere hint that the country might be able to do without them.

I do not know whether it could. Except in time of war, our democracy has always been based upon the Party system, with one lot in Office and the other in Opposition. Latterly there has also been a third, minority Party with a thin sprinkling of independents, like spring onions, to give flavour to the salad.

But, in this writer's opinion, Party politics in the old sense has become a stale and profitless game.

When you and I and Tom, Dick and Harry get a chance to vote again, we shall be wise to send men to Parliament because of their personal character and ability, not because they have this or that Party ticket.

And, if we do that, there is good reason to hope that our elected representatives may choose a future Government in the same kind of way, forming a Cabinet of all the talents and leaving the Opposition to crystallise out as things develop.

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UNABLE to foresee the defeat of Germany until some time next year or even the year after, the Prime Minister is, nevertheless, completely confident that our principal enemy is already doomed.

He thinks it likely that Japan will still be in the field for some indefinite period after the Nazis have surrendered; but, even in that event, a great many British and American troops will be surplus to our then requirements and will return to civilian life.

And the Government is working out careful plans *now* to make certain that this partial demobilisation will go through smoothly and not turn into a wild scramble for jobs as it did after the last war.

So far, so good. But if it be necessary to have our plans cut and dried for this comparatively small problem, can it be any less necessary to have them complete and in working order for the major reforms upon which our hearts are set?

Are we downhearted? Not likely! Here is the King, forgetting the cares of State for a moment and enjoying an Ensa concert at a Home Fleet naval base.

Mr. Churchill spoke of "preliminary legislative preparation" where necessary. I wonder what he means by that. He certainly does not imply that we can look forward to any substantial part of these reforms until some time after the war is over, and even then only if there is enough money in the kitty to pay for them.

In this connection, let me quote one comment published in a leading Conservative newspaper after the broadcast. Here it is:

"It will be a grave disappointment to the people of this country if no foretaste of the forthcoming reforms can be offered even while the war lasts."

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

FORGIVE OTHERS MANY THINGS; YOURSELF NOTHING!

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IT is not necessarily true that the man best able to lead a nation in time of war must also be best able to lead it in time of peace. For in war the whole country has but a single aim, whereas in peace different groups have widely different objectives.

Now Winston Churchill is not only head of the Government but also head of the Tory Party. There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of his good intentions. He *does* mean, if he is given the chance, to put through his Four-Year Plan for the general betterment of our way of living.

But he has no intention of making any fundamental change in the structure of our society. He clearly means to stand by the principles of "sound finance," to keep the pound sterling at a value which the bankers will approve and to incur no "great new expenditure" which would hit the moneyed classes too hard.

State control, he admits, may have to be extended in various directions and income tax will have to remain higher than it was in 1939—not so high as it is now, though, because that would "discourage initiative"!

And the Premier has nailed his colours to the mast in defence of "widespread, healthy and vigorous private enterprise."

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ONCE again, "Man o' the People" wonders just what Mr. Churchill means by that. Would healthy private enterprise, for instance, include the private and competitive manufacture of the weapons of death?

Would it allow the great combines to corner raw materials and to run prices up or down almost as they please?

Would "healthy and vigorous" private trading still be permitted to control the world output of, say, rubber and tin?

Would the big business man's "initiative" be destroyed if he were not allowed to pile up millions quite so fast as he used to do? Would shipyards be closed down as soon as they ceased to pay, and would workers lose their jobs directly "over-production" threatened the profits of their employers?

These are questions which the country will have to answer sooner or later. It would be well for us if they could be answered, at least in broad principle, now.

For the truth is, I am afraid, that no Four-Year Plan and no great programme of social reform can ever be carried through successfully until we put public welfare definitely before private profit.

And until we realise that in peace as well as war the national resources are not to be measured in terms of money at all, but only in terms of available materials and the work of men's hands.

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THERE are some people who feel that it is a pure waste of time to discuss post-war reconstruction when desperate fighting is in progress on the Mareth Line and when the Germans claim to have "stabilised" the position on the Russian front.

But does not that all depend upon the view we take of the outcome of this terrible war? If we stood now in danger of defeat; if it were nothing but a "toss-up" whether we should win or lose; then, I agree, nobody could take much interest in post-war planning.

This is not the actual position, however. Germany and Italy have lost the war already. They know it. Hitler's miserable, uninspired and pitiful broadcast on "Heroes' Day" still held out hopes of final victory to the German people, but its burden was sheer lamentation and self-excuse.

It is true that Russia's man-power is sorely strained; true that the Axis will not be driven from Tunisia except after the most desperate fighting at heavy cost; and bitterly true that the U-boat campaign is causing us dreadful loss.

But it is no less true that Rommel is commanding a "suicide army"; that the Nazis' only hope in this theatre of war is to delay our inevitable victory; and that Germany is bleeding to death on the Eastern Front no matter how the tide of battle ebbs and flows.

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ALL this being so, it must surely follow that the risk of being caught unprepared for peace is greater than the risk of waiting for victory before we have any matured plans at all.

Churchill has outlined some of his projects for *international* action after victory. He has wisely stressed the vital importance of concerted action by Britain, America *and* Russia.

Moreover, Mr. Anthony Eden, charged with a fateful mission to Washington, is believed already to have smoothed out some of the differences between the States and the Soviets and to have laid, or helped to lay, the foundations for a Four-Power Conference in the near future.

"Man o' the People" agrees that it would be useless at this stage to enter into questions of local frontiers or to pledge ourselves to the strict and complete restoration of pre-war sovereignties.

There is, indeed, much to be said for the final formation of a Council of Europe and another Council of Asia, together with a re-grouping of small countries into federations which could talk to the Great Powers on relatively equal terms.

But it may be that all these grandiose projects will stand or fall in accordance with the willingness of the two big Democracies, Great Britain and the United States, to stand by the principles of the Atlantic Charter and, as far as possible, to implement Roosevelt's Four Freedoms among their own peoples without quibbling and without delay.

One ounce of practice has always been worth a pound of precept.

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AT the risk of wearying some of my readers, I repeat that we have fallen far short of world expectations by our lukewarm reception of the Beveridge Plan.

It was disappointing enough that several of its essential proposals were either rejected or so modified as to defeat their original purpose. But it was still more disappointing that the Government refused to commit itself in any way to translating the proposals which it *does* accept into immediate action.

The outside world, and particularly the oppressed peoples under the Nazi yoke, are not to be impressed by mere promises: they want performance.

They cannot burst into hymns of praise because our Parliament rises solemnly in protest against the Nazi massacre of the Jews.

They hold, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, that Britain and America *"stand at the bar of history and of God"* and that the test of their sincerity can only be measured by the number of victims they are ready to save *now* from murder, torture and degradation.

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WE are told that Mr. Eden and Mr. Hull have agreed to "open conversations" on this subject, but Lord Cranborne holds out little hope of immediate *action* and nothing else is adequate to the present situation.

Yet the will of the people and the will of this tired old Parliament still counts for something in war-time Britain. It has, for instance, *compelled* Sir Walter Womersley, the Minister of Pensions, to reconsider the setting up of medical appeal tribunals for war pensioners who think they have had "a raw deal," and it will undoubtedly compel him in the near future to revise all rates *upwards* and to co-relate them with the cost of living.

And so, I think, it is up to us to press untiringly for "something on account" of all the promises which the politicians are so ready to make and refuse to be put off with large slices of "pie in the sky when we die."

Man o' the People.

SECRET SERVICE NEWS

IN the last six months at least a million shells made in Czech factories for the Russian front have proved duds.

- Argentina, Hitler's boasted pro-Nazi American stronghold, has authorised manufacture of arms and other war material for Britain over and above all quota agreements.
- In month ending January 20 last, French guerillas killed over 500 Hun officers and men, wounded hundreds, destroyed 14 trains, 94 engines, 436 coaches, four bridges, 1,000 tons of fuel and 10 traitors.

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AGAINST Hitler's latest faked casualty list is his order to Army Personnel Chief Unrun to supply 1,800,000 men to replace losses since November, plus 3,400,000 for work behind the lines.

- Nazis have banned manufacture throughout occupied Europe of all non-military metal goods including scissors, knives, gramophone needles, ovens and drain-pipes
- Several secret German munition stores in the Low Countries have been blown up recently, and Gestapo have failed to discover how location details reached saboteurs.
- All but 40 Norwegian whale boats are now serving Britain on patrol, etc., and their merchant fleet of over 1,000 vessels is supplying Allied war needs the world over.

ADMIRAL DOENITZ is combing European waterfronts for likely material for U-boat crews. Highest wages and family allowances for any alien "volunteers" are being offered.

- Von Runstedt "mystery" is in the offing. This Reichswehr defence expert O.C. Western Europe may be superseded by recently dismissed Chief of Staff Franz von Halden, who has been recalled and earmarked as Generalissimo of the European fortress.
- All portable buildings from evacuated European coastal "invasion zones" are being rushed to Germany to provide emergency shelters for Huns bombed out by RAF—estimated at 100,000 a week.

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SERIOUS set-backs have occurred at every stage of Hitler's "total mobilisation" campaign, and even party chiefs no longer pretend that final results will be anything like original estimates.

- Announcement which will surprise us—and shock Axis—may be made soon. It will give progress figures of war manufacture in ex-Italian East Africa, Eritrea, where Allies have developed one of Democracy's greatest arsenals.
- Inter-Fascist intrigues have taken a new twist in Italy and, despite Ribbentrop's visit, Nazis still suspect Mussolini of trying to stage a get-out which will save his skin.

IT SEEMS TO ME

Paranoia's The Answer!

DESPITE HIS REPUTED REAPPEARANCE, I THINK WE SHALL NEITHER HEAR NOR SEE MUCH MORE OF ADOLF HITLER. BECAUSE THE MENTAL DISEASE OF PARANOIA IS INCURABLE.

By Philosopher

What is Paranoia? According to Kraepelin, who certainly knew his mind, it is an insidious development of a permanent and unshakeable system of imaginations.

It is a brain state which prompts the sufferer to believe implicitly in weird notions about himself and others, while, *apparently*, preserving clear and orderly thought, will, and action.

In fact, through the years of his youth, the patient may get clean away with his delusions, without any of his friends daring to suggest that he is abnormal.

Gradually, the disease becomes glaringly noticeable, usually in middle life, and the women will be grateful to know that it is more than twice as common in its incidence among men.

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THERE is an inclination to see always a wicked intention in the most innocent of actions and a failure to recognise the force of adverse evidence and logic.

The paranoic misinterprets events long past in the light of his everlasting delusions.

He is always in the right—haughty, sensitive, irritable, easily offended, very ambitious, and often given to strange mannerisms, formulæ, speechifyings and trappings to prove his case.

In the earliest stages the obsessions are largely concerned with the patient's conviction that he is being persecuted—by someone or other.

Then, slowly, the grandiose evolves. He, himself, must be an important personage. Otherwise, he argues, why all this persecution?

Later still, he becomes very special—an agent of God, a prophet, one of exalted birth, a King or President, or maybe, a Fuehrer or Duce.

Yes, the process of events of the last ten years and the present signs of the times tell me that Hitler is well away on a trip on the ship Paranoia, and I am sure he is not the only Axis passenger.

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ANYONE who knows the mental history and periodic retirements of Streicher, Goering and Goebbels realises now badly Germany, and so Europe, has been deceived by highly placed Nazis with bees in their bonnets.

Of course, it may be argued, we have all got the bug, more or less. The matter is one of degree.

Maybe *I* have hunches, superstitions and fears which have no sound foundation in fact. Maybe *you* have, too.

YET, even if that is so, evil consequences do not amount to much. We may worry a few people in our immediate, restricted neighbourhood. Here the trouble ends.

How tragically different with those much farther advanced in paranoia who can dictate the policies of whole communities because of the earlier credulity of those communities!

Think of the stuff the World has accepted. Dressings-up. Balconies. Waggling chins. Streaming flags. Crooked Crosses. Heils. Salutes. Leggings. Peaked caps.

Windy Duces and Fuehrers. And much of it the work of middle-aged men!

THE trouble is that Germans, Italians, and, indeed, the World have been slow to diagnose Paranoia, slow to esteem cool, undecorated, unambitious, *sane* thinking.

But the climax has been reached, and I can offer a Prognosis—foretell the course of the disease among the Nazis.

I am inclined to guess that Paranoia Hitler is now being well watched by the rest of the Great Paranoics.

You can imagine how such a situation is bound to turn—when Old Paranoics watch Old Paranoics. It develops into wholesale *Paraphrenia* with delusions more fantastic still. It develops greater domestic violence.

Today, tomorrow, some day, there will be much killing in the Nazi madhouse. Purge will follow purge. For the condition is chronically progressive. Recovery is unknown.

CIGARETTE PAPERS

By The Lounger

"THERE is perfect harmony," says Signor Gayda, "between the Fuehrer and the Duce." But Musso's getting a bit slow on the ho-de-ho.

TODAY'S PROVERB

The two essential qualities
That make life sane and strong
Are modesty when things go right
And pluck when things go wrong.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK

When you're all washed up it's time to come clean and start again.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "SPRING'S AWAKENING"

WE know that spring has begun, becos dubble sumertime will be begining next week, but Father says we've had dubble springtime already during the luvly wether of most of this last winter, and we can hardly expect spring to keep on behaving so nicely. In fack, we've had so much silver lining, Father's wurrying about where the clouds can be. March came in like a lam, he says, and whose folt is it, if it goes out like cold mutton?

Mind you, Father says their's plenty of time to go yet. Cricket duzzent genrally start for another munth yet, becos you've got to have hail and sleet and everybody wearing 3 swetters before you can proply say the seeson has commenced and nobody asks you: "Is your jersey really necesary?" becos thay jolly well know it is. Father says the sort of uniform our galliant sailers wear on the Artick convoys wud be just the rig for the opening day at Lord's.

However the erly spring has been so kind this yeer that any sort of mirracle mite happen. We mite see Farmer Oates or Old Beeky skiping about like lams in the sunshine, or hear old Uncle Joe singing: "Hey, nonny no!" Spring is the seeson of lams, buds, poetry, bulbs blizkreeg spring-cleening and planting erly pertaters. It's suposed to get into your blud and make you feel a bit above yourself, but Father says all you have to do is an hour's diging, and what spring gave you lumbago will take away.

Spring makes peeple (and espeshly poets) full of exewberance and careless about there dress. Father says O.K. to that but Ma says he's too careless, anyhow. She says this careless dressing, brort on by spring and encurridged by Mr. Dalton, will bring smart peeple down to Father's level, but he duzzent care. When spring calls to him "Hi-de-hi!" he goes out and starts working in the garden with his hoe-de-hoe!

It's heartning and exciting to feel
the touch of spring;
With spring awake we're going to
make the bells of victry ring!

TEN-SECOND TEASERS

1.—*Town in Russia; on Volga; kind of wool?*
2.—*Common forest tree; park in south of England?*
3.—*Boy's Christian name; surname; well-known headmaster?*
4.—*Watering-place in Essex; great composer; well-known jail?*
5.—*Kind of palm; sort of wrench; shade of brown?*
6.—*Small inlet; backwater?*
7.—*Bladder; hollow organ; cell; four letters?*
8.—*Wainscotting; decoration round lower part of room?*
9.—*Kind of cat; variety of lily; sort of beetle?*
10.—*Street rough; undesirable youth; makes violent attacks?*
11.—*Incoherent talk; cackle; six letters?*
12.—*Neckcloth for men; a tie; six letters?*

(ANSWERS IN PAGE FOUR)

POSER

THE internal length, breadth and depth of a closed rectangular cistern are as 8 : 5 : 3, and the difference between the cost of lining it with sheet lead at 7¼d. and at 7½d. per sq. ft. is £2 12s. 8d. *Find the cistern's dimensions.*

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Answer to last Sunday's poser: The man started with 11s. 3d.

DID YOU KNOW—

FIVE days of fog over the greater part of England at the end of 1904 cost the country about £10,000,000?

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★ Gas consumers in Britain before the war numbered nearly 12,000,000?

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★ Contrary to popular belief lightning often strikes twice or more in the same place?

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★ Temperatures of more than 125 degrees Fahrenheit have been recorded in the desert of Arizona?

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★ After the burning of smoky coal was banned in New York there was a marked decline of rickets in children?

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★ Some 1,000 million tons of ice are discharged into the sea every year from the frozen cap of Greenland?

"GOD, THE WORLD, AND SPRING!"

GOD, and the World, and Spring! And no matter what men do, the Hope is lit, the song is set, the music pulses through. The jewels flash and shine, the pageantry abounds, the colours and the glories troop forth to a myriad sounds.

The hedges, the lanes, the mountains and valleys blue are teeming with Life's promise that Spring will God's Lands renew. And birds on sun-warmed wings curve and wheel in flight, while all the insect populace is on the march, though hid from sight.

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THE magic buds a-break, the triumph of opening flowers, spilling enchantment o'er the earth and embroidering the Living Hours.

The songs and scents and sounds, spun on Spring's spinning-wheel, weaving a carpet of velvet flowers where God's children may play and kneel.

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AND, in the orchards deep, April's heart begins to beat, warmed by the sun-lipped Breath of Heaven, which spreads out Time's Golden Pleat in a bright fan of light across the sombre earth. Then BEHOLD GOD'S WILL Revealed, which is LIGHT and LOVE and BIRTH!—J. M.

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Pointer To Vast New Moves

"KNOWING that Stalin is in full possession of the Casablanca decisions, the Nazis are now wondering if his see-saw battle front strategy—retreat in the south, advance in the north, keeping up pressure and inflicting heavy casualties both in the north and south—is not the prelude to a vaster synchronisation of tactics in an over-all Allied plan."

ALLIED FRONTS MAY MERGE INTO ONE HUGE IRON RING

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

IT was not without purpose that Mr. Churchill made it his personal business to inform the country immediately of the first serious hold-up experienced by the Eighth Army since Alamein. While confident i.. the issue of the Tunisia battle, he stressed the heavy fighting still to come.

This understanding is most important. Unless we keep the realities of the conflict in true perspective now, we shall not only be guilty of grave self deception which may have unfortunate reactions in the future, but might not be able to appreciate the full significance of the Casablanca decisions.

There should have been no surprise at the speed and strength of Rommel's counter-attack or, indeed, at the fury of the continued fighting, if only because there is no such thing as one-way slogging between two masters of battle tactics.

In addition, Rommel has received Hitler's orders to fight it out to the last ditch, to win the last second of time so necessary to develop Nazi European defence plans to the utmost.

That Rommel will do so goes without saying, for he himself must sink or swim with his master—and, in a special way, he has at least one great advantage no other general fighting a losing rearguard battle has had.

No longer has he to worry about saving his guns or tanks, or even the bulk of his armies.

The Axis are unable, whatever happens, to stage a Dunkirk except to a limited degree by air transport.

Rommel, knowing he cannot save any worthwhile proportion of men or metal, will use both to the utmost to inflict maximum losses before his number is finally up.

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FOR these reasons, and remembering his undoubted tactical ability, we must be prepared for a struggle no less epic than that of Stalingrad.

On the other hand, the Allied command, judging from their preparations—which may sometimes have seemed over-long—have taken all this into account and have developed air and artillery superiority well able to deal with any Rommel tactics.

Yet, after taking into consideration the difficulties and disappointments still to come, one thing is reasonably certain. THIS IS THE FINAL AFRICAN SHOW DOWN.

Whether the staying power of the Afrikakorps saves them for a fortnight or a month, Allied pressure will not now relax till the last Axis soldier on the last Axis bridgehead outside Europe is either dead or a prisoner.

That is the key to the war situation as a whole—the first of the Casablanca decisions to be translated into action.

I would like to suggest that further all-Allied and synchronised action will soon be following our offensive in Tunisia—not necessarily waiting till the end of the campaign—accelerated to a tempo that will deny Hitler the respite he is fighting so desperately to win.

Where the next Allied blow will fall is a military secret the Nazi High Command would give its ears to know. From their frenzied trans-Continental defence preparations they are guessing wildly.

A fortnight or so ago they tried to reassure their people that the Todt defence system on the Channel coast is impregnable; then it was Norway, now its South-Eastern Europe.

What hurts them is their realisation that they *are* guessing wildly—while the Allied Command know exactly.

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IN this knowledge, I am assured, Stalin has full and unrestricted status, and all previous doubts and misunderstandings have been cleared away.

Accepting this assurance without hesitation, I am emboldened to place a new meaning on the ebb and flow of the Russian fighting.

The impetus of Hitler's Donetz drive has been halted without any corresponding relief in the steady Russian pressure on Smolensk.

Irrespective of other adverse balances, his Russian position alone is almost exactly back to where it was a year ago in the south, and considerably worse off in the north—while he lost nearly two million of his best men and untold quantities of vital planes, tanks, guns and equipment to achieve this!

More—he is a year to the bad.

A critical and perhaps the decisive year of the war which the Allies have turned to the good.

As a result, Hitler now faces an entirely new problem when considering the Russian link-up with the rapidly developing shape of things to come with, or after, Tunisia.

It might almost be said that even in our dark days of 1940 we had no problem before us as serious as that facing Hitler today. We were at least resolute, if alone, and we had the moral support of friends who knew we stood for freedom.

Hitler is trying to bluff the world about Nazi determination when he knows he means desperation. With his still great resources he is more alone than we ever were, for Germany has no single friend today.

In comparison with the strength of the Allies, his own assets are wasting faster than ever, and what have not already been dissipated in the Russian campaigns are threatened in many other ways—every one leading to ruin.

Knowing that Stalin is in full possession of the Casablanca decisions, the Nazis are now wondering if his see-saw battle front strategy—retreat in the south, advance in the north, keeping up pressure and inflicting heavy casualties both in the north and south—is not the prelude to a vaster synchronisation of tactics in an overall Allied plan.

They are afraid—I only add up their own statements and "fishing for information" propaganda—that the present sectional fronts will be soon merged into a single iron ring from Murmansk through the Black Sea and Egypt to Tunis, on along the west coast of Europe, back to Murmansk again.

The battle of Tunis is the first turn of the screw to tighten the ring....

Sneak Raider Down Off Worthing

AN enemy aircraft which attempted to cross the South Coast yesterday afternoon was destroyed over the sea off Worthing by A.A. gunners.

A Dornier 217 dived from low cloud on a small South-East Coast town in daylight last evening.

It was immediately engaged by A.A. fire and some bombs fell harmlessly in the sea.

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Lee (left) and Lyn Wilde, twin movie actresses, selected as joint "sweethearts" of a U.S. Army company.

WELL OFF, BUT BEGGED

BEGGAR - with - a - banking - account Frederick William Hopkins, aged sixty-three, one-time draper, was sent to jail for 21 days' hard labour by Mr. Geoffrey Rose, Lambeth magistrate, yesterday.

He was accused of being a "rogue and a vagabond" and the police said it was his fifth offence.

Hopkins, it was stated, had £4 10s. in his pockets, a pass-book showing £400 to his account at Barclays Bank and a Post Office book showing deposits of £160.

Hopkins' defence was that he was not begging. He only asked his way to Waterloo and inquired about lodgings.

800,000 CYCLES DUE THIS YEAR

British cycle makers hope this year to make about 800,000 bicycles, of which more than 250,000 will go to the Services.

The total is about the same as last year, when particular provision was made for women munition workers, and nearly 300,000 machines for them were distributed.

Stop Petrol Waste!—M.P.s

Doctors Can't Have It, Bureaucrats Can

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is anger at Westminster concerning the waste of petrol by Government Departments, and Ministers are to be asked what they are going to do about it.

Feeling against this form of waste is particularly high, because tankers which carry this petrol here for Government departments to waste are the special prey of the U-boats that infest the Atlantic.

Instances of the waste that will be brought to the notice of Ministers and M.P.s include:—

The tracking of motorists by police in high-powered cars in the hope of securing convictions for exceeding the speed limit.

Bren-gun carrier races in the streets of Home Counties towns.

The use of high-powered cars to carry staff officers from Whitehall to their lunch engagements.

Indiscriminate use of despatch riders to carry less urgent notices which could easily be sent by post.

The use of large cars by Fire Service officers when smaller cars would suffice.

Large-scale wastage of lorry transport in connection with Service Department building schemes.

It is pointed out that while civilians on important duties—doctors, for instance—have had their petrol supplies cut drastically, economy is a banned word in Government Departments.

G-MEN TRAP 'BLACKETEERS'

Hundreds Have Been Rounded Up

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

HUNDREDS of racketeers and profiteers are to appear in courts throughout the country in the next few weeks. They have been roped in by Whitehall's "G-Men," who recently launched a big drive against the Black Market.

Scores of extra detectives and investigators were called in to help the campaign.

The "G-Men" have discovered proof of large-scale bootlegging and profiteering.

Sugar, chocolates, meat, fruit, poultry food, furniture, clothes, furs and torch batteries.

Bootlegging has also been tracked down in the wine and spirit and tobacco trades.

Some of the accused are being charged with having stolen goods in their possession. Others are accused of charging excessive prices; selling without coupons; making false returns; adulteration and conditional sales.

The law is casting a very wide net in rounding up the people indulging in illicit transactions.

CHEAP TEA AT TOP PRICE

One direction in which inquiries are proceeding at present is in connection with the sales of tea.

There is evidence that low quality tea is being sold at the price which is permitted for high quality tea.

It is often difficult for a housewife to tell which quality she is getting, so expert investigators have been making tests.

Huge black markets have also been found in silks, furs, diamonds, perfumes and other luxuries.

But the whole weight of "G-Men" is now being thrown into the battle, and the racketeers are not going to enjoy much more freedom.

£100 FOR A DIAMOND WORTH £5!

THE crooks have thought of a "new one." It is worked by one of a "fake" diamond doublet, and when the trick succeeds the profits are handsome.

One unsuspecting pawnbroker paid £100 for a stone worth £5.

The doublet is composite stone. The top part is composed of genuine diamonds and the base of some substitute such as rock crystal, synthetic white sapphire or white spinel.

The two pieces are joined by transparent solution in the plane of the girdle and the joint is cunningly hidden.

The genuine diamonds at the top give the finished work the characteristic lustre and hardness, but there is a marked lack of "fire" which should give the prospective purchaser the clue, says the Board of Trade in a warning note.

Employees Want Lord Reith Back

MAJORITY of members of the staff of British Overseas Airways Corporation have written to the Air Ministry, urging that Lord Reith, first chairman of the Corporation, should be reappointed chairman and chief executive.

But an official of the corporation said yesterday that the letter "was not an official one from the corporation as a body. At present we have no statement to make."

The letter follows the resignation of four members of the board. Immediately the Government White Paper on the resignations was published, the staff of British Airways met, and by a majority decided to send the letter.

The committee declined on the ground that the letter presented the considered views and wishes of the staff.

Lord Reith became chairman of Imperial Airways in 1938. He gave up the post in 1940.

Jail Anti-Jew Talkers, Says M.P.

LEGISLATION to make the spreading of anti-Semitic and Fascist propaganda or racial antagonism a criminal offence was urged by the annual meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties in London yesterday.

Mr. D. N. Pritt, K.C., M.P., proposing the resolution, said the Council should record its alarm at increasing Anti-Semitism in the British Isles, and at the underlying Fascist ideology it revealed.

The resolution spoke of the "dangerous situation" created by propaganda which sought to incite one section of the people against another at a time when national unity was essential to secure the victory of Democracy over Fascism.

Highest Birth-Rate For Years

But We Still Need More Babies

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

THOUGH the birth-rate in Britain for the past twelve months has jumped to the highest figure for ten years, the Government wants it to be still higher in future.

It is, therefore, organising a campaign to be run under its guidance by a number of women's social organisations.

This is to ensure that many important things are available to expectant mothers. They include:—

Adequate hospital or nursing accommodation;

Proper nursing attention and domestic help in their homes;

Adequate time off from work without prejudice to resuming their jobs;

Enough money.

Steps will also be taken to see there are adequate supplies of special foods—both for the mothers and their babies—and of necessary clothing coupons.

To facilitate "settling down" of young married couples after the war the Government has ordered that 500,000 houses must be built in the first year of demobilisation whether the full housing scheme is ready or not.

'QUAKE OFF SPAIN

An earthquake shock, the centre of which was only about 40 miles distant in the sea bed, was registered yesterday in the Fabra Observatory, said a Barcelona dispatch to the German News Agency last night.—Reuter.

WIVES—WISE AND OTHERWISE!

HUSBAND (in court yesterday): My wife left me a few weeks after we were married, saying that she was not going to risk the possibilities of the suggestion that the first year of married life was the worst.

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Wife: I knew my husband and truth were strangers, but I didn't think he would tell me such a lie as that the paint I found on his cheek came from a door and not another woman's lips.

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Wife: My husband has the superiority complex. He likes the public-house because he is always addressed there as sir.

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Woman: I have every reason to be satisfied with life. I have found a man who will marry me.

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Wife: I was just on the point of throwing something at my husband when conscience told me that it would not be a nice thing to do, and I stayed my hand.

Bound Wife Had Weals On Back, Court Told

EVIDENCE that a woman was found lying on the floor at her home with her hands and wrists tied with rope, and criss-cross weals on her back, was given when her husband appeared in court at Stratford yesterday.

Stanley Charles Guiver (thirty-six), of Brettenham-rd., Walthamstow, E., was charged with

"Unlawfully and maliciously causing grievous bodily harm to his wife by striking her on the bare back and head with a rope or strap, with intent to cause her grievous bodily harm."

A light, thin strap and a rope were produced in court.

The case was adjourned for a fortnight so that his wife, Mrs. Queenie Ethel Guiver, could be legally represented.

Guiver, who said that he was no longer living at home, was allowed bail of £50.

New Curb On Army Dodgers

STRONG and effective measures are being taken to prevent members of the Forces from evading military duties by committing civil offences.

It has been a common practice for men thus inclined to commit a crime, make little effort to escape, and count on a term of imprisonment as a result, which they preferred to military service.

The Home Secretary has given local police chiefs the power to determine whether, except in grave crimes, to bring the offender before a bench of magistrates or to hand him over to his unit.

Similarly, when a member of the Forces is brought before the magistrates, they may remand the man to await an escort to be taken back to his unit and be tried by the military authorities.

In addition, if any member of the Forces is found guilty by a military tribunal of a civil offence, he will, while undergoing his sentence, also go on with his training.

Congratulations To You!

"THE PEOPLE" has pleasure today in offering sincere congratulations to the following readers on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:—

DIAMOND.—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hoggett, Dunstans-rd., East Dulwich, S.E.; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Banbury; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Spinks, Dereham, Norfolk.

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ALSO.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Dimmock, Kent House-rd., Sydenham, S.E. (65 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. Glenister, High Wycombe, Bucks (54 years); Mr. and Mrs. G. Read, Epsom; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey, Hanwell, W. (43 years); Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Burnham, Chertsey, Surrey (39 years); Mr. and Mrs. W. Rice, Southend-on-Sea (34 years).

As Hannen Swaffer Sees It

WHICH, AFTER THE WAR, WOULD YOU PREFER—A SHARE IN BUILDING THE NEW WORLD OF ALL THE 1940 PROMISES, OR £300? THE PREMIER TOLD YOU, ALMOST BLUNTLY, LAST SUNDAY, THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH

The Archbishop of Canterbury, leading a Church crusade, has harshly criticised the money system. Winston, speaking of the "7,000,000 or 8,000,000 people with £200 or £300 each after the war," replied that their savings must be protected.

As I came along Long Acre yesterday I saw a poster with the words "Will it pay?" crossed out and the line "Is it right?" put in instead.

But I had just read that Sir Robert Gower, president of the Property Owners Protection Association, which represents £500,000,000, had declared "Property owners are the mainstay of the country!"

I wondered whether a new class of "£300 Tories," as I call them, were to be induced, at the next election, to vote with the big-money class—against the New Order of which the Archbishop has so often spoken, and on which side the Church would then stand.

IDEALS OR £300?

LAST week the Commons had to spend a whole day in debating the first three of 200 objections made by the hotel interests to the very moderate Catering Bill, this although the whole Cabinet backs Bevin's measure! At that rate the New World cannot happen for centuries.

Where is the idealism that, in 1940, pledged us to a new system? We then dreamed of a classless, casteless world in which all would share Nature's bounty.

Is £300 each to be our share, the fixed value of which we must all defend at the polls? I do not believe it!

MOSCOW'S WARNING

BUT Winston's speech had other disturbing results. When he spoke of how the war in Europe might last till 1945, there came grave words from Russia.

Alexander Werth broadcast from Moscow a warning about the grave losses suffered by the Soviet armies, of the intolerable agonies endured by peasants enslaved by the Nazis, and of the declining man-power. It came as shock to all who heard.

The enduring of two more years of it—that was the obvious meaning of Werth's wireless speech—seemed impossible to the Russian people. Already grave food-shortage faces them.

THE MONTHS GO BY

THEN came another grave reminder by Maisky of what was expected by the magnificent Russians from their allies. They see the months go by—and yet the Second Front seems, to them, as far off as ever!

We hear and read, only of the figures of the German dead, wounded and prisoners. But Russia has paid a price at which we can only guess. It is colossal.

Meanwhile, she sees between us and the bloated Fatherland only a score of miles of water and cannot understand why they are so hard to cross.

She sees in North Africa well-equipped British and American armies held up by what, in comparison to the German might on the Eastern Front, is only a small force.

MORE than that, she sees Frenchmen still arguing as to whether Giraud or de Gaulle is the boss—and Fascist-minded officials, even now, dug into the bureaucracy behind the lines.

Do you realise the importance of that strip of African coast? While the Germans hold it, merchant ships coming from Malta to Britain have to go round the Cape. While it remains unconquered, the Invasion is held up. And, as time passes, Europe's defences are growing stronger!

NO V-SIGNS NOW!

THINK of what the sound of "1945" meant to the countless millions of Nazidom's slaves in the conquered lands.

Months ago, V-signs, repeated on the air night after night, gave them hope of early release. Their souls blazed with eagerness and hope. Then the weeks went by.....

Now, suddenly, has come a cold douche.

HASTEN "THE DAY"!

SPEED is needed everywhere—in our decisions in Whitehall, in our factories, and in our camps. Every delay means, right across Europe, more torture, more murder, more despair!

Greater adventurousness of mind is needed, greater energy, greater drive. The idea of a long-term war lulls us into somnolence.

BACK TO THE LEAGUE

SO we are going back to the League of Nations, now called, by Winston, "A Council of Europe." And we are going back to Collective Security, as Eden is telling America.

The League, before the Tories of the world killed it, was the only raft on which Civilisation could float. Then it was a raft in a waste of stormy waters. Now it is a raft that will be reached only by swimming through oceans of blood.

The idealism of 1919, expressed in the covenant of the League, died because we lost faith. Is the idealism of 1940 to die, in just the same way? I will not believe it.

I have enough faith in the common British people who saved the world, when France fell and despite the blitz, to be assured that, having saved the old world, they will insist on a new one.

Not all of us, while millions die in the present, are living in the past. Some, not afraid of losing £300, still believe in the future.

A KHAKI ELECTION?

WE have now been threatened by another Khaki election, one like those which followed the defeat of the Boers and the Great War. Twice there were years of muddle and delay.

A Coalition that went to the country with a modern plan of wholesale reform might be welcome. But a National Government that turned down the Beveridge Plan because it would cost money would, I profoundly believe, have the shock of its life—that is, unless the forces on the other side were split, as they now are, into several groups.

Winston's speech, they tell me, was rewritten, in parts, to please different Ministers to whom he showed it. The result was that it was not a policy but a patchwork.

We don't want a patchwork world.

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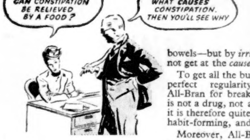

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Eat All-Bran for breakfast, drink plenty of fluids and you can say good-bye to constipation. Ask your grocer for Kellogg's All-Bran. 10-oz. packet, 7½d., 3 points.

This is the last week of Ration Period No. 3.

IF YOU WALK ON THESE..

this will interest you...

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GOODYEAR

THESE ARE THE PEOPLE OF
THE SNEAK RAID AREA

By Peter Forbes

Even in this coast town the housewife carries on with her daily duties against a background of blitzed and battered buildings.

WHAT of those people who live in the sneak raid areas of the South and East Coasts? How are they standing up to the enemy's unwelcome attentions? Never was their morale so high, because they now know that for every bomb the Huns drop they are repaid tenfold or more by the RAF. And in this article the writer gives a typical everyday picture of " the Folk on the Fringe of the Target Area."

THE housewife from Number 4, Seaward-ave., cleared away the breakfast dishes, made the beds, made sure that temporary repairs to the roof above the bathroom—where, a week before, a jagged hole had been torn by high explosive—still held good, took pencil and paper, worked out the number of points she had to spare before the next rationing period, and arrived at the grocer's about two steps ahead of her friend from Number 17, Acacia-walk.

During a pause while the assistant weighed out their purchases, they found an odd minute or two in which to discuss the progress of the war....

So far as Number Four was concerned, she was convinced that the Axis would throw up the sponge by about Easter, 1944.

Number Seventeen smiled knowingly, but disagreed. She claimed that " our Fred "—Fred's been with Montgomery and his Boys since 1940—was pretty sure it'd be all over about seven or eight months from now, which would just about fit in with next Guy Fawkes Night—and Fred and the younger children at home had a secret understanding that on the first post-war Bonfire Night they aimed to make Adolf the centre of the blaze, with his satellites as the shooting stars around the fringe of a colossal furnace, high on the hills where Drake and men of Old England once lit their beacons.

Number Seventeen ended by claiming that " our Fred's a one, you know," and then the grocer's assistant said would there be anything else?

The sun was beginning to break through a cold pearly haze when Numbers Four and Seventeen finished their shopping and ambled back comfortably along the cliff path towards Acacia Walk.

Somewhere out to sea, in the opaqueness, a ship's siren sounded and was answered by another shriller hoot. The waves were rolling on the shingled beach, with a long, lazy heave, sucking at the rounded pebbles as they receded, and making a cheerful noise.

Wide-winged gulls came crying plaintively out of the sky to swoop down swiftly on mackerel playing in the shoal water. And the woman from Number Four was saying something about a new talkie at the Palais when it all happened....

Slender Shelter

Almost simultaneously they heard the warning and then the savage drone of aircraft. They turned towards a shelter—not one of the wartime type, but a thin metal, wood and glass affair in which visitors used to sit and watch the bathers and the sea.

So far as air raid cover was concerned, Numbers Four and Seventeen were not worrying; the mutual idea was merely to sit on the seaward side seat and rest awhile, hoping to " see something " when the local defenders went into action against the Hun who, as on so many other occasions since 1940, was taking advantage of the haze to carry out another sneak raid.

At times like this, everything seems to happen all at once; along the cliff an electric bell from an Ack-Ack control room was still ringing, and a quietly spoken young officer was answering, reporting the probable course of the raiders.

Scattered around the site, spotter, predictor and height-finder were ranging on the target.... " Predictor on! Three thousand feet....set, two thousand, seven-fifty. Lateral steady. Vertical steady. Sections on target! "

And the gunners stood ready for the command " Fire! " But much was to happen before they were given the final word....

The savage beat of engines increased to a deafening roar, and three Focke-Wulf 190's swept in low across the cliff top and raced neck-and-neck for the centre of the town.

Over to the west two or more raiders had now approached, high above the clouds. Predictor and spotters had already logged them, and were ready for the command to deal with the Hun.

But the three bomb-carrying F.W.'s roaring across the rooftops had come in so low that they had given no opportunity to the gun's crew.

They were aiming at a street, while the other aircraft would come in to attack immediately the first three Huns had unloaded their bombs and were speeding out to sea towards the French coast.

It is an old trick of the Nazi, and he uses it to full advantage in his miserable sneak raids during these hazy mornings when England is awakening from her long winter sleep....

Tables Turned

Milch, Goering's successor of the Luftwaffe, was today making yet another attempt to step up the weight of his attacks on Britain's Front Line towns and villages to counter the constant devastating batterings made by Bomber Command on West Germany.

For two years the people of a score of Acacia Walks and Seaward Avenues along the South and East Coasts have watched, and often suffered, as the " air might of Nazi Germany " has been whittled away by the RAF.

In the summer and autumn and winter of 1940, and throughout 1941, they listened to the vast roar overhead as the Luftwaffe bomber fleets flew high across their part of the coast to attack London, Liverpool, Coventry and a dozen other inland cities concentrating on Britain's war effort.

During those months the folk in the Front Line—the " fringe of the target area " as they are called—have bided their time in patience, knowing well that one day the tables would be turned, as they are turned today.

And now....the Luftwaffe is making its sneak reprisal raids, operating from air bases in Belgium, Holland and, further inland whence it has been driven by the RAF, in Northern France....

There was a violent roar of aircraft engines and the chatter of machine-guns, and the chalky earth at the feet of Numbers Four and Seventeen went whizzing upwards.

Then, a few seconds later, the vast explosion of a bomb, and the sound of a firebell. The job of the pilot of that morning was to " strike terror " at the people of the seaside town and " bomb whatever target appeared to be a public utility service."

The " terror " he had selected was a burst of gunfire at the shelter—the aircraft was travelling so swiftly that its pilot could not have seen the feet of the two women, but he no doubt thanked his Fuehrer if his bullets had found their target in the bodies of civilians.

The " public utility " building which received his bomb was the Palais, where two usherettes were cleaning up for the afternoon matinee . . . and one of the girls had died, which would have been a highly gratifying report for this particular Hun to take back to his base.

Morning Mist

Sounds of aircraft were dying away now. But, as the haze out to sea rolled back and suddenly lifted, Numbers Four and Seventeen, unperturbed as ever, retained their front-row seats and watched a stocky little minesweeper giving one F.W. 190 all she carried in the way of sudden and violent destruction, and the woman from Number Four failed entirely to stifle a most unladylike cheer for the gunnery of the minesweeper's men when one of the Huns suddenly dived headlong into the sea, leaving a black smoke-trail to mark its going.

Then, as the siren wailed the end of the Alert, the two women picked up their shopping baskets and made their way homewards.

I was in the town that morning, about fifteen minutes before the raid just described. In times of peace it was a well-known place, and it will be equally popular again one day.

Meantime, like dozens of other holiday resorts along the coasts, it has climbed into battledress, and the folk who live there since 1940 have fallen quite naturally into the habit of assuming a quiet, brave endurance, though some of them have lost all they ever possessed and have walked the floor of the local county court far too many times for them to have much peace of mind left.

But they don't grouse, though they are entitled to grouse.

I watched them clearing away the tangle of what had been the Palais, a children's crèche and a row of small cottages. There were no frightened faces. No gloom.

Instead there was cheerfulness, and there were smiles, grim though they were. You can't grieve or sympathise with these folk. Instead, you share their faith, and it comes as a tonic.

Two days later, just over the county border, on a farm about two miles from the coast, I was speaking with an agricultural official. It was a glorious morning, with the promise of a warm afternoon when the sun had dispersed the mist which had come in from the Channel overnight.

Without warning—for the farm is too far removed from the nearest siren to let you hear it—five F.W.190's dived down from cloud cover, kept low among the surrounding hills, and machine-gunned some thatched outbuildings, killing two cows and maiming four sheep, which had to be destroyed.

And a gander, which had been dipping its beak in a water-trough, fluttered its wings in anger and squawked at the Huns.

By the time it had finished uttering its protest the raiders had gone, and the linnets and the sparrows had come back, pecking at odd pieces of straw as if nothing had happened.

But when I returned to the near-by village an ambulance was carrying away the only human casualty — a four-year-old who would never again see the sun and the flowers or hear the singing of the birds.

For God knows what reason, the rolling countryside had been the target for yet another " terror " raid—and in one thatched cottage that night there was a child's home-made cot, empty.

Terror Targets

There are scores of similar stories that could be told. In another coastal town I visited recently the entire parish felt the weight of the " terror " bombing.

And one man whom, for years, the folk had moulded their lives on, was killed among his flock when a H.E. hit his church. It was the only building of any size for miles; it stood out, a landmark, with its square old belfry.

The Hun sought it out, saw it, and reduced it to a pile of fine dust!

Not a dozen miles away there is another village, served by a railway line over which a train meanders through the quiet of the coastal countryside.

With a precision almost uncanny, on three recent consecutive market days the sneak raiders came in, unloaded their bombs and roared up the one and only main street machine-gunning the market stalls and the folk who come in to do their shopping.

Speaking in Parliament recently of the sneak-raiders, Sir Archibald Sinclair said: " They draw my scorn. The pilots are specially instructed to avoid military targets; their only objective is to create terror."

But I'm willing to wager my last penny piece it's totally impossible for the Luftwaffe to terrorise the folk who live on the " fringe of the target area."

They know terror about as well as they know complacency or defeatism. They know Faith, instead. The Faith of the people who long ago steeled themselves to see this thing through to Victory.

They and their villages and towns never make headline news in Britain, and they don't want to.

You see, like their fellow-countrymen, the folk there, and in scores of similar places along the South and East Coasts, have never forgotten the boys who went out to defeat the threat of bestial conquest, and who never came back.

They still await the Better World for which those lads so willingly gave their lives....the World which Hitler unhinged in 1939.

LYNDOE TELLS YOU—

GERMANY'S leaders are realists enough to know that only a series of gigantic mistakes by the Allies can save them from defeat. Russia's leaders are sure that (so far as they are concerned) those mistakes will not occur.

Accept these three predominant facts about the U.S.S.R. situation. German efforts to smash Russia in time to turn on us will fail *this spring.*

It is equally certain that our blow will cause withdrawals from U.S.S.R. And it is certain that then the Russians will invade parts of the Reich.

Of our forthcoming offensive accept these three facts. It may not wait altogether on Tunisia (much to Germany's dismay).

It will at one stroke change present war alignments of Powers by virtue of the territory affected.

It will reinstate a monarch and remove others.

About a week from now swift changes affect the U.S.S.R. fronts. We shall find that Kharkov was almost a barren gain. " Give a bit and take a lot " is the idea.

The Kremlin will not confine that idea to military matters either, but prepares political pronouncements of very far-reaching proportions.

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IN speech after speech we hear ideas of how long it will be before the Nazi machine crashes, some cheerful, some not. I believe the only idea on the subject worth fourpence reposes in the head of Josef Stalin. We have waited long enough to give him the lead in the field and in world affairs. *Russia enters this week a phase of tremendous power.*

The general conflagration due in the Balkans will show the trend, and early onset of plague conditions in Europe will help.

We ought to realise (but some simply will not!) that a political earthquake is at hand and that many of our own pet schemes will fail to survive it.

This rapidly developing situation will put King Boris " on the spot "—shake Rumania—renew tension in Turkey—lift the lid in Egypt—merely to mention four aspects.

More war-leaders are on the way out, too. It looks to me remarkably like a show-down to outdo all show-downs yet!

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THROW into the boiling a new naval battle which bids fair to equal Matapan in results, staggering events in Tokyo and district, and we may get the weight this summer of Japan's chance of outlasting Germany. There, again, Stalin's plans will be worth watching as May-June enter.

Having learnt to my cost that optimism is all but a crime, I leave the inferences to you. But I say again that abroad, and here, vast changes are coming rapidly.

Few régimes will stand the strain—Germany's least of all. It is, as U.S.S.R. says, *this year—or never* if there is to be a " new world " worth a ha'porth of discussion. Next autumn proves this!

Meantime, we waste our spirits with silly argument. One question burns across our skies: What about victorious Russia? Statesmen and common men must face it *now!*

It will not await " post-war plans."

The world, as Churchill remarked, wants no specious promises. *But this spring the demand for action will reach storm height — action and leadership!*

It is, by every portent, the crucial moment in Western European history!

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BRIEF BIRTHDAY INDICATIONS

(*Applying to those whose anniversaries occur this week*)

TODAY. — Normal activities work out well. Principal disadvantage of year is amount of friction involved. £ s. d. position is unaffected.

TOMORROW.—Progress slow, but you end year in stronger position. Co-operation with reliable associates of vital importance. Welcome changes probable in private life.

TUESDAY.—Year of steady progress on normal lines. Interesting developments due in private life. Changes prove beneficial and you will gain by contact with new friends.

WEDNESDAY.— Ambitions likely to be realised. Keep to familiar undertakings. Assistance from relatives and old friends strengthens your position.

THURSDAY. — Plans tend to drag. Keep to normal routine. Financial prospects below par. Delays may be caused, too, by failure to reach understanding with others.

FRIDAY.—You could scarcely wish for better year from financial point of view. In addition, you can count on pleasing incidents in home life.

SATURDAY. — Sound progress with familiar activities. Signs of emotional tension, however, in private life, and I advise plenty of care in the choice of new friends.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK you can have a specially compiled Month-by-Month Review of your affairs up to the end of March, 1944 (over 3,500 words!) by applying AT ONCE, together with a P.O. for 2s. to cover clerical and postal costs. State name (Mr., Mrs. or Miss), full postal address, date of birth, and send to Edward Lyndoe, c/o " The People," Dept. B, 218, Strand, London, W.C.2.

HOW WE ALL STAND THIS WEEK

(*Look for your birth date below to find your section*)

MARCH 21 to APRIL 20.—Early part of week stormy. Unwise to attempt decisions for several days to come. Tension eases somewhat after Wednesday.

APRIL 21 to MAY 20.—Matters of importance should be dealt with as early in week as possible. Wednesday is disappointing owing to faulty judgment in regard to expenditure.

MAY 21 to JUNE 20.—New factors come into play tomorrow. You can tackle changes with striking success. Further helpful developments, possibly of unexpected type, Wednesday.

JUNE 21 to JULY 20.—Financial arrangements need more than usual care Monday. Wednesday safest for matters of importance.

JULY 21 to AUG. 21.—Special interest attaches to Monday. Setbacks probable if you give way to impatience. At least one problem settled, however, as a result of sound co-operation with associates. Further benefits due Wednesday.

AUG. 22 to SEPT. 22.—New developments can be expected tomorrow. These pave way for unusual incidents Wednesday. Assistance from associates improves chances of success Thursday.

SEPT. 23 to OCT. 22.—Opportunity to face up to outstanding problems this week-end. Financial difficulties likely at mid-week. Expenditure will have to be watched Wednesday. Friday helpful day in most respects.

OCT. 23 to NOV. 22.—Quarrelsome atmosphere interferes with progress during first half of week. Opposition from others holds up current plans. Wisest policy will be to play for safety in everything. Situation shows general improvement after Wednesday.

NOV. 23 to DEC. 20.—Mistakes probable on Monday if you act on impulse. Little prospect of progress this side of Friday. Tact needed in dealing with others.

DEC. 21 to JAN. 19.—Monday excellent for business negotiations. Wednesday brings further concrete benefits. Thursday, too, is an unusually helpful day with good opportunities.

JAN. 20 to FEB. 18.—New developments indicated. Emphasis is on personal relationships. Outstanding incidents due in social life.

FEB. 19 to MARCH 20.—Disputes come to a head over week-end. Be on your guard against hasty decisions. Tuesday best for dealing with major issues.

LYNDOE'S YEAR BOOK FOR 1943

LYNDOE'S YEAR BOOK FOR 1943, price 2s. 9d. post free, from Edward Lyndoe, c/o " The People," Dept. B. 218, Strand, London, W.C.2.

LIFE'S BIG PROBLEMS
By The People's Friend

I RECEIVE a mixed and strange post-bag every week. If I had the space to tell you all its secrets you would be astonished by the number of people there are in the world without a friend in whom they can confide.

They write to me—a stranger—about their troubles because they are alone. Many of them confess that the mere act of writing, of pouring out their troubles even to someone they have never met, brings ease of mind.

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SOMETIMES I am able to help them with advice. Sometimes I can do no more than sympathise. But I am always greatly moved by these letters from lonely, troubled folk.

They prove how many opportunities for good works there are if only we sought them. They prove how many unhappy people there are in need of sympathy and understanding—those two gifts so easily bestowed but so often neglected.

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LOOK about you as you pursue your daily round. Look beyond your own interests, and see if there is anyone on your stretch of the road who needs a helping hand.

There may be someone right at your side. There so often is. And just as often we pass them by. To say we " didn't realise " is no excuse. Only selfishness blinds the eye to another's trouble.

So watch for lonely hearts. Give them kindness, sympathy and understanding—and you will have done a very Christian act.

ANSWERS TO TEASERS

(*See Page Two*)

1, Astrakan; 2, Elm; 3, Arnold; 4, Walton; 5, Nut; 6, Creek; 7, Cyst; 8, Dado; 9, Tiger; 10, Hooligan; 11, Gabble; 12, Cravat.

THE WAR-TIME ABC

"S" Save Time and Money

By " HOUSEWIFE "

SPICY and sweet are many of the hints we have received this week. Now what about a second chance for the " S "s. Hints to do with clothes, housekeeping, children, as well as cooking all stand a chance of getting into the Wartime A.B.C. Write your hint or recipe on a post-card. See that it begins or the title does with the letter " S." Put your name and address at the foot and send to " Housewife," " The People," Acre House, Long Acre, W.C.2, to arrive not later than March 31. Half-a-guinea will be awarded to the sender of each one published.

Here are last week's prizewinners:

SCRAPCAKES

WORK all left-over vegetables into a paste, mixed with grated cheese, a little flour and a drop of milk to bind if necessary.

Roll out half-inch thick and cut into shapes. Fry in hot fat. Serve hot. Can also be eaten cold spread with margarine.—Capt. R. Younghusband, 52, St. David's-rd. South St. Anne's-on-Sea.

SAVOURY MUTTON ROLL

INGREDIENTS: 1½ lb. breast of mutton, 2 dry bread crusts, 1 onion, 2 teaspoonfuls mixed herbs, 2 large potatoes, 1 saltspoonful of salt.

Bone mutton and lay on board. Crumble bread, shred potato, chop onion and mix all together with herbs and salt. Spread on mutton and roll. Put into covered baking dish and bake for 1½ hour.—Mrs. A. Lightley, 5, Beech-rd., Wath-on-Dearne, near Rotherham, Yorkshire.

SPICED APPLE PASTRY

ROLL out thinly some pastry, spread half of it with a grated apple, a few sultanas or chopped dates and one teaspoonful of spice. Fold over other half of pastry, press lightly with rolling pin. Wipe over with water and lightly sprinkle with sugar. Place in flat baking tin, mark into squares. Equally good hot or cold.—Mrs. P. Shipperlee, 100, Newington Green-rd., Islington London, N.1.

SUFFOLK DUMPLINGS

TAKE two large breakfast cups of flour and a pinch of salt. Mix to a stiff paste with water. Roll into small balls. Put into boiling water and boil rapidly for ten minutes.

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—Gertrude Bradbury, 71, Elmsleigh-rd., Wandsworth, London, S.W.18.

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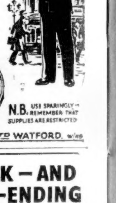

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A FEW MORE POINTERS FROM A GALLERY OF SWINE

Men and Women I Dislike...

By Piers England

I WAS half-gratified and half-alarmed by the response to my article about manners the other week. Letters came in batches, bundles of them tied up with string—enough to make the Devil knows how many shells. When I read through this formidable stack of mail I experienced a queer fluttering sensation between the breastbone and the backbone. Something stupendous had happened: I had pleased everybody. For once in my life I had managed not to stimulate a few outbursts of the "wait-until-I-get-you-outside-you-dirty-dog" type. Nobody disagreed with me.

For an awful moment I felt that I must be losing my grip.

But then I realised that the heaviness of this mailbag was in itself an indication that I am not far wrong when I contend that all decent people—irrespective of class or family—tend to be well-mannered; that good manners go with a proper social sense, and that most people realise that a regard for good manners is an essential part of the duty of a good citizen.

Many people wrote to denounce their own pet "pigs": one or two protested just a little because of what I said about rebuking young men whom I found sitting down while women were standing.

Rise And Shine

What if a man happened to be sick, or very weary? Well, in a case like that, one should say, very politely, to the woman who is standing: "Excuse me if I do not offer you my seat: I am ill, or tired" (as the case may be).

But I think that even a very tired young man ought to rise and give his seat to a woman: she may be tired also, and it is the little graceful act of self-denial that lends a certain elegance to everyday life.

It is an ancient law of the world that, if a guest comes to your house, you share your last crust with him, however hungry you may be. Similarly, you offer your seat to a woman (provided that you are not ill, or disabled) however much you may want to sit down.

What the devil! A man is not made of gingerbread: his legs won't break off if he stands up for another ten minutes.

But I meant to tell you—to round off the whole matter—about a few more swine out of my piggery.

HAVE you ever met the *Waggling Pig?* He means no harm, but he lacks thought. Well, most bad-manners come out of sheer thoughtlessness; if there were any premeditation about bad manners, why, then they would fall into the even more serious category of deliberate cruelty.

The wagger is a cigarette smoker, and an inveterate one. He smokes all the time: a bad habit; I do it myself.

But if a man chooses to choke himself with tobacco tar, that is his own business and nobody else's.

My waggling pig, however, is so much in love with his cigarette that he cannot take it out of his mouth for a moment. He waggles it at you as he talks to you. You cannot take your eyes off it. It seems to be attached to his lip by invisible threads.

It twitches or jumps as he talks. The ashes from it fall down on his waistcoat. He does not notice. He talks on, and the waggling cigarette burns down and down until you hope that it is going to raise a blister on him.

But it does not. He catches it in the nick of time, lights a fresh one and waggles again. You may tell me that this is not a very serious matter. It is true that it breaks no bones. But it is irritating and offensive, and anything that a man does to offend and irritate his fellow-men is to be taken seriously as a thing to avoid. It is bad manners to waggle cigarettes at people when you talk to them.

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THEN again, there is the *Exploring Pig.* His bad manners are of a more serious kind. He forgets that there is anyone else but himself in the world. (Bad manners, by the way, almost invariably proceed from unthinking selfishness of this kind.)

The Exploring Pig explores himself in your presence. Having used his handkerchief, he peers into it as if it were a book which contained some deep and beautiful secret.

Haughtiness . . . . which seeks to convey inferiority in others . . . .
—A clever studio study.

He does not hesitate to investigate his ears with match-sticks, hairpins, or, if there is no implement handy, finger-nails. If he wants to scratch himself he scratches himself....or even herself.

This is anti-social. One should lose no opportunity of reminding such people, as delicately as possible, that such things are best done in solitude.

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THIS kind of person is, in a way, related to the *Sucking Pig.* This one sucks his teeth with shrill chirping noises, and makes other revolting sounds in company. When he clears his throat he does so with indescribable gusto, and when he coughs he makes a noise like a shovelful of gravel being hurled on to a corrugated iron roof.

As if this were not enough, he follows it up with an explanation. Having offended you by sniffing in the most penetrating manner for half an hour, he says, with the air of a man who is telling you something you ought to know: "Got a bit of a cough," or "Catarrh."

This, again, is bad manners. It gets on people's nerves. Therefore it is evil. Guard against it.

I know what it is to have a habitual cold: I have been fighting against a tendency to snuffle for about thirty-three years. Nothing is more insidious than the absent-mindedness that creeps up on the catarrhal man.

But with a little thought it is possible to avoid giving offence; and I assure you that the desire not to offend is a great force in civilisation. How pleasant it is to see a crumb of delicacy in a crass and grubby world!

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THERE is, also, the *Pathological Pig.* This one, whether male or female, goes in for intimate revelations about operations, diseases, and the effects of horrible medicines. Women, I fear, are among the most habitual offenders in this way.

Heaven forbid that I should lack sympathy with anybody who suffers; but these people not only enjoy their own illnesses—they offer them to innocent bystanders as a rare and delectable treat.

Parading Ills

I have a fairly hard-cased stomach—I have to have in my business—but a lot of people haven't.

I remember how, in the prehistoric past when I was young and tender, a very nice old woman taking tea with us suddenly broke into a long and elaborate inventory, or catalogue of things that were wrong with her inside.

Now people mean well enough when they say these things, but they really must get it into their heads that the world at large is *not* interested in their internal organs. It is mere vanity that makes people talk like that: it is a kind of boasting. It is bad manners.

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THIS, quite naturally, brings me to the *Pig in the First Person Singular*, or *Personal Pig.* Selfishness again, and again vanity! He can talk of nothing but himself.

In his piggish mind the wretchedest little tin-pot trivialities of his personal life are of national importance. He is a disgusting bore—and to be a bore is to be ill-mannered: it is to inflict yourself upon the good nature and patience of your fellows.

Our Personal Pig uses the word "I" ten thousand times a day. *He* did this, *he* did that, *he* did the other....and the sum total of it all is not worth a blown-out egg shell.

There is no escaping his all-pervading ego, pig that he is. He has to tell you everything in infinite detail, and is liable to go on in this vein: "Well, I stood by the bus-stop, and I waited ten minutes and I got a bus, and I had to change half-a-crown, and I said to the conductor...."

He can go on like that all day. As if you want to know! Let a man talk about himself by all means, provided he has something to talk about.

But this Personal Pig, in conversation with, let us say, an explorer fresh from Africa, or a General after a war, would impatiently cut short an account of a great discovery or a mighty engagement, and insist on describing the Woolton pie he had for dinner, or how he whitewashed the ceiling.

From a film.

A boor, a bore, an idiot, an ill-mannered person. He poisons life. He drags you down.

If you listen to him without being rude to him you are a hypocrite; if you are rude to him you are unkind, and he has made you so.

Shun him. And take care not to be like him.

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ONE of the most exasperating pigs of all is the *Pompous Pig.* An Irishwoman wrote to me last week complaining that I slandered swine, swine being handsome, useful, kind and noble animals, and true friends of man.

The Pompous Pig makes me believe that she may be right. He is a man in authority. He may be a petty official, a civil servant, a kinema commissionaire—anybody who holds a little brief power.

He is protected by a thousand and one rules and regulations, laws and by-laws, which he strenuously upholds. He has that about him which makes people want to kill him. He will bully his inferiors and lick the boots of his superiors in office.

He has in him a dirty little streak of cowardice, which makes him take refuge behind the exact letter of every written rule; and he has, of course, the cruelty that goes with it.

There is nothing to be done with such a pig. He is incurable, and it is illegal to kill him. He is, to my mind, a symbol representing all the bad manners in the world.

There are males and females of this species. They are impolite. They don't have to be polite; there is no law which says that they have got to be polite. Such animals as this are soulless.

They are devoid of sensibility. They are impervious to hints, dignified rebukes, humour, sarcasm or anything. "Cheeky" is the word which best describes their attitude, which is characterised by a vile and sneaking insolence.

They are ill-mannered, but there is no way of making them know it, because their vanity has blinded them. I wish it would choke them.

High And Mighty

THERE are many more Pigs. I dare say you have met the *Haughty Pig.* He, or she, wishes to convey to you that you are an inferior. This is bad manners. Anything is bad manners which tends to make other people feel uncomfortable.

In a different way, the *Poor Pig* demonstrates very bad manners. He cries of his poverty and makes you pity him. It is undignified to cadge for pity, just as it is undignified to cadge for pennies in the street.

I came across a curious kind of Pig the other day: in the first two minutes of conversation she told me that (a) she was a Countess, and (b) that she was penniless. She wasn't trying to borrow anything: she just felt that she had to tell everybody.

This is a kind of bad manners also; if you have a bad tooth you do not grab your neighbour's finger and make him feel it; and similarly, if you are in financial difficulties you don't thrust them under the noses of strangers.

Parting Guest

AND as for the Pigs that violate the laws of hospitality, they are too numerous to catalogue here. Only the other evening one of them came to my house and said he was hungry: I gave him two-thirds of my bacon ration and all my cheese, and the last of my precious, precious gin. It is one's duty, as a host, to give of one's best to a guest.

But having eaten, this man (whom I hardly know) said: "Is there a restaurant near here? I am still hungry."

This was bad manners. If he had been an old friend of mine, why, then it would have been all right, for what is the use of friendship if one cannot say what one likes. But the man I'm speaking of was only a kind of professional acquaintance.

Guests and hosts should treat each other with all imaginable courtesy: to fail in this is to break one of the noblest unwritten laws in the world. I mean the law of hospitality, whereby one protects and treats kindly even the stranger under one's roof, and makes life gracious.

Another man I know has a habit of poking at the furniture and asking how much it cost: bad manners.

Yet another makes appointments and does not keep them.

Another, again, borrows books and doesn't return them: a boorish thing to do and a dishonest one.

Another assures me, on coming into my room, that I have no taste, and offers to help me choose the right kind of pictures to hang on the wall.

Only a friend may say such things: not a newly arrived guest.

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PIGS. There is no end to them. But I am glad that so many of you agree with me so heartily about them. I have never been agreed with so unanimously in my life. Thank you; I feel ten years younger.

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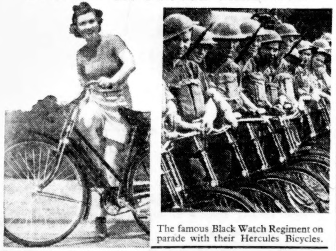

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Plenty Of Good Horses In The North

ENTRIES for the substitute Lincolnshire Handicap at "Ponty" close on Tuesday. The executive stipulates for 25 nominations, but I shall be greatly surprised if there is not a much larger entry (writes Larry Lynx).

Northern trainers this season have more older horses than stables in the South, and, from what I can gather, there is likely to be a fair number of three-year-olds from Yorkshire and Lancashire quarters in the first big handicap.

Last year's form indicated that Northern-trained animals are pretty versatile. Their trainers are inclined to run them over varying distances. Therefore, it can be anticipated that some of the substitute Manchester November Handicap runners will be out to test their merits over a mile.

As there is likely to be ante-post wagering on this Pontefract affair, the publication of the weights on April 15 will enable a market to be formed, which all helps to sustain public interest in the sport.

Northern trainers will not have any opportunities of pitting their two-year-olds against the southerners apart from the two open races—Queen Mary Stakes and Coventry Stakes—which will be staged at Newmarket, but I am informed by a correspondent in Yorkshire that the "county of broad acres" has some bright youngsters to exploit.

At Middleham, Malton, Richmond, Tadcaster, and Wetherby there are more T.Y.O.s in training than in previous years. Some are reputed to be "pigeon catchers."

LARRY'S SELECTIONS

BALDOYLE

SATURDAY.—Baldoyle Plate, GODSTONE. Sutton Plate, SWEET PEACH. Metropolitan Chase, TANYA'S KNIGHT. Dublin Plate, FATHER KNAPP.

And Can.... They Sting!

A NEW boxing weight, the "Mosquito" (7 st. 7 lb.), will be introduced at the boxing tournament being held by the 2nd Cadet Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, at Wembley Stadium today at 2.30 p.m. Admission free, by ticket only.

There will be eight bouts, the winners of which will each be presented with a silver medal by Mr. A. J. Elvin, chief of Wembley Stadium. The best loser will receive a miniature cup.

All facilities are being provided free by Wembley Stadium, and the bouts will be fought in the ring that has been used for all the big professional and amateur fights held in the Wembley Pool.

NOW THEY'RE HAPPY

I can well imagine what happened at the N.H.U. headquarters, Gloucester, the other day when (writes "Quartermaster") the following terse message was dictated over the phone from the Ministry of War Transport: "Racing will be permitted on the same terms and conditions as in 1942."

With a sigh of relief the secretary got going with phone calls and telegrams to pigeon organisations all over the country, telling them the good news.

FIRE FORCE WIN

G. B. Hoath and the team which he represented, the London Fire Force, were respectively individual and team winners of the 7½ miles race organised by the Southern Counties Cross-Country Association at Hayes, Kent.

Hoath and the English international C. T. Carter (Belgrave H.) ran together for about 4½ miles, when Hoath went away and won by about 400 yards in 44 min. 35 sec. Carter finished second in 45.48.

STAKER AGAIN

E. A. Staker (Highgate Harriers) won the Middlesex seven miles road walking championship held at Enfield, D. H. A. Christie Murray being second. Staker's time was 56 min. 4 sec.

RACING AT NAAS

2.30—SMUTS (T. McNeill), 5-1, 1; Newtown Rock (E. J. Kennedy), 100-8, 2; Rockleigh (J. Lenehan), 6-1, 3. Also ran: Submarine, Apois, Amor de Cubu, Tiverton, Knee High (fav.), Baghora, Greek Minstrel, Ballyboe, Cavalry King, Knight's Ward, Belted Monarch, Mark Twain, Prester Lily, Yours Ever, Sunny Tol, Young Bob.
Tote.—Win: 16/6. Places: 5/6, 9/-, 14/-.

3.0—WRONG NOTE (J. Eddery), 9-2, 1; Colomb's Kingdom (M. Wing) (co-fav.), 2-1, 2; Malta (M. Nolan), 100-8, 3. Also ran: Good Riddance, Rhokana, Ekyad, Joe the Marine, Rosewell's Pride, Tolgus Mist, Terrie Bulger, Shahid (co-fav.), Caraford.
Tote.—Win: 15/6. Places: 3/6, 2/6, 36/-.

3.20—BARR HILL (J. Eddery) (co-fav.), 2-1, 1; Rent Free (N. Nolan), 7-1, 2; Briary Gap (C. Sleator), 10-1, 3. Also ran: Lion Catcher, The Swagman, Free Trade, Black Wolf, High Degree, Port Glorian, Gransha Bridge, S.D.N., Annulet, Cashla Bay, Jimtown, Golden Days, Biff Grimes, Night Flight, Solar Prince (co-fav.), Victor Hugo, Heaven, Oversway, Stanway Hope, All Together, Hamadryad.
Tote.—Win: 11/-. Places: 6/-, 9/6, 48/6.

4.0—MONK'S MISTAKE (P. J. Murphy), 100-8, 1; Western Dandy (Mr. R. W. Browne), 8-1, 2; Tontonvilla (W. T. O'Grady), 6-1, 3. Also ran: Kilnaglory (fav.), Baldonnell, Glengormley, Yung Yat, Sun Bird, Slieve Dub, St. Marnock, Airds Moss, Clogher Head, Tutor, Apace, Sir Echo.
Tote.—Win: 81/6. Places: 12/6, 3/6, 15/-.

4.30—FATHER TRACEY (M. Nolan) (fav.), Evens, 1; Fourth Choice (H. Holmes), 10-1, 2; Taffytrap (A. Wing), 100-8, 3. Also ran: Ballyogan, Dunseverick, Astrologer, Loanore, Camfield, Friction, Nourrice, Baronia, Blue Shot, Warthrift, Walvisdun.
Tote.—Win: 5/6. Places: 3/-, 6/-, 13/6.

5.0—COTTAGE RENT (Mr. J. Lenehan), 5-1, 1; Flying Lover (Mr. J. R. Cox), 4-1, 2; Old Grange (Mr. A. S. O'Donnell), 100-8, 3. Also ran: Calgorm, Discarded, Carlingford Lough, Alleghany, Derryclougher, Irish Play, Sens Pride (fav.), Flying Marcus.
Tote.—Win: 11/6. Places: 3/-, 3/-, 7/-.

5.30—Mr. WILTS (Mr. J. W. Clearly), 3-1 (fav.), 1; Banavie (Mr. P. J. Lenehan), 5-1, 2; Cooley (Mr. D. O'Hagan), 5-1, 3. Also ran: Solway Tide, Pan Roll, Baltracey, Arctic Angel, Numero, Dromineer, Coloden Lough, Lucky Time, African Collection, Bedford, Matona, Path of Glory, Silver Fame, Church Hill, Philbland, Fair Aid.
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CUP & LEAGUE RESULTS

LEAGUE NORTH CUP—2nd Round

ASTON V.	2 [5]	STOKE	0 [1]
BLACKPOOL	5 [6]	LIVERPOOL	0 [3]
BRADFORD	0 [1]	YORK	3 [5]
BRISTOL C.	2 [4]	BATH	1 [3]
CH'ST'RFIELD	3 [6]	W. BROMWICH	3 [5]
MAN. CITY	4 [4]	BLACKBURN	0 [2]
NOTTS C.	2 [3]	SHEFFIELD U.	1 [5]
SHEFFIELD W.	5 [5]	NOTT'M F.	1 [2]

Black Figures in brackets thus [ ] indicate aggregate score of tie.

LEAGUE MATCHES

BURY	3	MANCHESTER U.	5
COVENTRY	2	BIRMINGHAM	1
CREWE	3	CHESTER	3
DONCASTER	3	GRIMSBY	2
EVERTON	2	SOUTHPORT	1
HALIFAX	3	BRADFORD C.	1
HUDDERSFIELD	5	BARNSLEY	0
LEICESTER	3	DERBY	1
LOVELL'S	1	ABERAMAN	3
MIDDLESBRO	1	SUNDERLAND	0
NEWCASTLE	4	LEEDS	5
OLDHAM	3	ROCHDALE	1
STOCKPORT	2	TRANMERE	1
WALSALL	2	NORTHAMPTON	5

LEAGUE SOUTH CUP

Group 1

ARSENAL	5	BRIGHTON	0
WATFORD	0	WEST HAM	0

Group 2

CLAPTON ORIENT	1	SOUTHAMPTON	0
QUEEN'S P.R.	2	BRENTFORD	0

Group 3

CHELSEA	0	TOTTENHAM	2
READING	5	MILLWALL	0

Group 4

ALDERSHOT	1	PORTSMOUTH	2
CHARLTON	6	FULHAM	1
CRYSTAL PALACE	4	LUTON	0

SCOTTISH SOUTHERN CUP

Section A

ALBION	5	FALKIRK	1
MORTON	5	DUMBARTON	2

Section B

MOTHERWELL	5	AIRDRIE	1
PARTICK	1	THIRD LANARK	1

Section C

HEARTS	1	CLYDE	1
QUEEN'S PARK	1	HAMILTON	4

Section D

CELTIC	0	RANGERS	2
ST. MIRREN	1	HIBERNIAN	3

SCOTTISH N.E. LEAGUE

Dundee 3, Raith 4.
Dunfermline 0, Aberdeen 0.
Hibernian 3, East Fife 6.
Rangers 4, Hearts 0.

IRISH CUP

Larne 2, Belfast Celtic 4.
Ards 2, Glentoran 4.

OTHER MATCHES

Bolton 7, RAF XI 3.
Burnley 2, Blackpool Services XI 2.
Cardiff 1, RAF XI 3.
Norwich 3, Army XI 1.
Rotax 3, Wolves 5.
U.S. Army 0, British Army 11.
Norwegian Forces 10, Canadians 2.
Netherlands Brigade 1, RAF 15.

RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

Huddersfield 8, Dewsbury 10; Keighley 2, Bradford 0; Oldham 17, St. Helens 12; Wakefield 5, Leeds 8.

RUGBY UNION

London Dist. 21, Oxford and Cambridge 5; Met. Police 12, St. Thomas's Hosp. 13; Guy's Hosp. 3, Wasps 13; Rosslyn Park 27, Armoured Brigade 5; St. Bart's Hosp. 5, Coventry 11; Bath 6, N.Z. Army XV 3; Bedford 33, St. Mary's Hosp. 13; Cheltenham 22, RAF XV 3; Leicester 'Quins 13, Rugby 11; Nuneaton 31, Army XV 0.

THE LAST EIGHT

DRAW for the third round of the Football League Cup (North), ties to be played on April 3 and 10, was made at Blackpool last night.

Games and forecasts are:
Bristol City v. ASTON VILLA.
Blackpool v. Manchester City.
SHEFFIELD W. v. Sheffield U.
YORK v. Chesterfield.

HIGHEST SCORES:

Charlton	6
East Fife	6

HIGHEST AGGREGATES:
Newcastle 4, Leeds 5.
Hibernians 3, East Fife 6.

AMATEUR MATCHES

LONDON SENIOR CUP.—Dulwich Hamlet 2, Leyton 1; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Met. Police 1.

KENT SENIOR CUP.—Gravesend U. 2; R.A. Depot (Woolwich) 2; Lloyds 0, Shorts Sports 4.

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX CUP.—Southall 1, Barnet 1; Walthamstow Avenue 0, Tufnell Park 2; Wood Green Town 1, Wealdstone 2.

HERTS AND MIDDLESEX LEAGUE.—Slough 3, Hitchin Town 0.

SOUTH-EASTERN COMB. — Walton-on-Thames 10, Sutton United 6.

GREAT WESTERN COMB.—Marlow 2, High Duty Alloys 0.

MIDDLESEX SENIOR LEAGUE.—Acton U. 3, Napier 2; Harrow T. 2, Hestairco 6; Hounslow 8, Yiewsley 0; Polytechnic 1, Eversheds 1; R.A.F. (N.) 0, Pinner 2; R.A.P.C. 2, Handley Page 2.

YOUR SATURDAY DOGS

CATFORD. — Winterhead Big, *Stock Together, Dolly Home Again, Jam's A Help.

CRAYFORD.—Nell's Turn, How Right, Knabo Flapper, County Star, Cabin Guide, *Carracloe Monarch, Fancy Regal.

ROCHESTER.—Judy of Yare, Harold's Buying, *Come Away Bob, Mac's Main, Parkway Wanderer, Count Lotty.

ROMFORD.—Cook's Watercolour, Hendra Lass, Nuptown Dainty, *Back Page, Port Rally, Mildenhall Bob.

WEST HAM. — *Springhill Champion, Jealous Rage, Ankle Tapper.

WHITE CITY.—*Lofoten Landing, G.R. Bluecoat, Limited Lease, Solicitor's Beach.

WIMBLEDON.—Rothmans Leonard, Cloneyross Boy, Golden Steel, *Ballynennan Moon, Top of Croagh, Stanella C., Kilcrea Abbey.

TRAP FIVE

"THE PEOPLE'S" PONTOON TABLE

	Feb	MARCH			
	27	6	13	20	27
Aberaman	6	1	2	2	3
Aberdeen	8	4	1	2	0
Airdrieonians	0	5	1	0	1
Albion	2	0	1	2	5
Aldershot	1	3	4	1	1
Arsenal	0	5	4	3	5
Aston Villa	4	5	5	3	2
Barnsley	2	1	0	2	0
Bath	5	2	1	2	1
Birmingham	3	2	2	1	1
Blackburn	2	2	3	2	0
Blackpool	5	4	3	1	5
Bolton	0	4	1	2	2
Bradford	1	0	3	1	0
Bradford City	5	0	1	1	1
Brentford	1	1	1	1	0
Brighton	1	1	1	1	0
Bristol City	1	3	1	2	2
Burnley	1	1	4	2	2
Bury	2	3	2	1	3
Cardiff	2	2	1	2	2
Celtic	2	0	2	1	0
Charlton	0	1	4	1	6
Chelsea	0	0	5	2	0
Chester	2	2	2	1	3
Chesterfield	1	1	2	3	3
Clapton Orient	1	0	1	1	1
Clyde	1	1	1	3	1
Coventry	1	1	0	2	2
Crewe	2	3	8	3	3
Crystal Palace	1	0	0	0	4
Derby	0	1	2	3	1
Doncaster	3	1	0	2	3
Dumbarton	1	3	2	1	2
Dundee U.	1	2	1	4	3
Dunfermline	1	1	2	2	0
East Fife	5	1	2	1	6
Everton	10	1	4	1	2
Falkirk	0	1	7	3	1
Fulham	1	3	1	2	1
Gateshead	2	2	1	2	2
Grimsby	1	2	2	2	2
Halifax	2	2	0	0	3
Hamilton	4	4	3	5	4
Hearts (S.)	1	0	0	0	1
Hearts (N.E.)	3	2	7	2	0
Hibernian (S.)	1	2	0	2	3
Hiber'an (N.E.)	2	0	1	0	3
Huddersfield	1	0	2	1	5
Leeds	1	3	3	1	5
Leicester	4	1	0	2	3
Liverpool	1	1	7	3	0
Lovell's	1	1	1	5	1
Luton	0	0	1	0	0
Manchester City	3	1	2	0	4
Manchester U	3	0	0	4	5
Mansfield	2	2	2	2	2
Middlesbrough	0	2	2	0	1
Millwall	3	1	2	0	0
Morton	0	3	1	2	5
Motherwell	2	0	1	0	5
Newcastle	6	3	0	3	4
Northampton	2	2	2	2	5
Notts C.	2	3	2	1	2
Nottingham F.	3	0	2	1	1
Oldham	1	2	1	0	3
Partick	3	2	5	2	1
Portsmouth	1	2	1	2	2
Queen's Park	0	4	0	2	1
Q.P. Rangers	2	2	2	1	2
Raith	3	3	1	6	4
Rangers (S.)	3	3	2	3	2
Rangers (N.E.)	0	2	3	1	4
Reading	7	5	1	7	5
Rochdale	1	1	1	1	1
Rotherham	2	1	3	2	2
St. Mirren	0	1	0	1	1
Sheffield U.	2	4	3	4	1
Sheffield Wed.	2	1	1	0	5
Southampton	5	1	1	6	0
Southport	2	1	2	4	1
Stockport	1	2	3	1	2
Stoke	1	3	5	1	0
Sunderland	1	1	2	8	0
Swansea	2	0	1	2	2
Third Lanark	2	3	3	2	1
Tottenham	3	2	1	5	2
Tranmere	1	4	1	1	1
Walsall	1	1	1	4	2
Watford	0	1	1	1	0
West Brom.	2	1	3	2	3
West Ham	2	6	4	1	0
Wolves	0	2	3	1	2
Wrexham	3	0	2	3	2
York	6	2	2	2	3

BLACKPOOL'S THUNDERBOLT

TONS of excitement in yesterday's League (North) Cup games, especially at Blackpool. Liverpool began with a 3—1 advantage, and at half-time neither side had scored. The same tale was told when the last quarter of an hour was reached, and many of the 25,000 crowd began leaving the ground thinking that Liverpool were assured victors.

Then the Blackpool thunderbolt struck the visiting defence. Burbanks glided through on the wing and centred for Dodds to get number one. Three minutes later Dodds added a second goal. In another five minutes Finan headed through from a pass by Matthews, and before the fateful "quarter" ended Finan and Dix, from a penalty, put on fourth and fifth goals. And out went Liverpool.

Sheffield enjoyed a double success over Nottingham. Wednesday avenged a goal defeat at the hands of Forest with a handsome 5—1 win, and United, although losing to the County at Nottingham, pulled through with the help of a 4—1 lead gained a week ago. Melling scored four of Wednesday's five goals.

Arsenal, with three goals by Lewis in a 5—0 win over Brighton, made themselves almost certain semi-finalists in the League Cup South. Queen's Park Rangers, following their two goal win at Brentford's expense, are in just as happy a position.

Tottenham and Reading both won and are level on points at the head of their group.

The unexpected defeat of Aldershot by Portsmouth has given a fillip to the competition for the fourth semi-finalist. Welsh did the hat-trick in ten minutes for Charlton against Fulham. He scored four altogether and his club are now serious challengers.

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SATURDAY'S FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

FOOTBALL LEAGUE SOUTH CUP
Brentford v. Clapton O.
Fulham v. ALDERSHOT
LUTON v. Charlton
Millwall v. CHELSEA
PORTSMOUTH v. C. Palace
So'mpton v. QUEEN'S P.R.
TOTTENHAM v. Reading
Watford v. ARSENAL
WEST HAM v. Brighton

SCOTTISH SOUTH CUP
ALBION v. Morton
Clyde v. Hamilton
Dumbarton v. FALKIRK
HEARTS v. Queen's Park
Motherwell v. PARTICK
RANGERS v. Hibernian
St. Mirren v. Celtic
THIRD LANARK v. Airdrie

SCOTTISH N.E. MITCHELL CUP
Dunfermline v. ABERDEEN
EAST FIFE v. Rangers
Hibernian v. HEARTS
RAITH v. Dundee U.

LEAGUE GAMES
DERBY v. Coventry
Middlesbro' v. NEWCASTLE
STOCKPORT v. Rotherham
Swansea v. LOVELL'S

WARTIME GARDENING No. 23
Grow more Greens
—AND NOT TOO MANY POTATOES
Green vegetables are vital to winter health for they contain a precious vitamin. Transport in the winter of 1943/44 will be very difficult and there may well be serious delays which would ruin supplies of green vegetables in transit to the shops.
Potatoes are a different matter. Delay doesn't harm them. They can be stored for a long time and in large quantities on the farm and in the shops.
Your potatoes *will* be supplied — that is the Government's responsibility. So don't grow more potatoes than are shown in the Cropping Plan. It is both foolish and unpatriotic to do anything which will cut down your supplies of winter greens.
They are *your* responsibility. Grow all you can — it is the only way to make sure that your family will get enough and get them fresh.
REMINDERS
Have you sown Brussels Sprouts and Leeks in the seed-bed? If not, do so without delay. Also, get your supplies of "National Growmore" Fertiliser.
POST THIS COUPON FOR FREE LEAFLETS
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RAF Resumes The Night Offensive

DUISBURG GOT IT AGAIN!

NO MORE STRENGTH THROUGH JOY

Moscow, Saturday.

THE Nazi authorities have decided to disband the "Strength through Joy" organisation for German workers because its activities do not accord with the needs of total war, says a Geneva dispatch to the Soviet News Agency today.

Sports contests arranged by the organisation have been cancelled.—Reuter.

DUISBURG, biggest inland port in Europe, home of great iron and steel, copper and tin works, has "got it" again.

For a fortnight, bad weather had kept the RAF away from targets in Germany.

But on Friday night a slight improvement in conditions was reported and a strong force of our bombers set out to give the town its 57th raid.

The pilot of a Lancaster said that when he arrived over Duisburg the Germans were putting up a very heavy barrage.

"Flak was bursting all round us," he said. "Searchlights were trying to pick us up, but they were not doing much good because of the clouds.

"As we circled the town I saw several big bombs bursting in the target area. Then suddenly there were three large explosions, one after another. Each of them lasted for about ten seconds.

"Right below us, I could see one large fire which turned all the clouds above it into a vivid red. We dropped our bombs in the middle of it.

"On our port side we could see another big fire, and between them there were the bright lights of burning incendiaries."

"As we came over the Ruhr," another pilot said, "the searchlights seemed to have given up trying to pick up our aircraft and were just signalling to the fighters."

Other targets in the Ruhr were also attacked during the raid, which cost us four bombers. Two fighters are missing from offensive patrols.

KEY TARGETS

In normal times Duisburg deals with a tonnage of goods far larger than many of the world's great seaports.

Key targets are the main locks of the Rhine-Herne canal, the main-line railway bridge over the Rhine, the mile-long railway bridge over the dock area, and the Hochfeldt railway junction, as well as miles of docks.

Industrial targets include the big Demag iron and steel works, which are making U-boats in sections, submarine engines, aero engine parts, railway equipment and cranes.

There are also copper and tin works, sulphur plants and a number of storage dumps, gas and water works.

Like many industrial towns which have grown up round water communications, Duisburg is packed into a small area—less than five miles square.

Why Our Liberties Are In Peril

M.P.S SCORN PLAN FOR FOUR-DAY WEEK

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TIRELESS in urging the workers in field, mine and factory to produce more, even if that means longer hours, Members of Parliament have rejected a proposal that they should meet on four days instead of three each week.

This plan was suggested because more business has to be got through within the short time available. Too many proposals are being rushed through without adequate discussion.

Too many "Orders" giving State officials dictatorship powers over citizens are creeping on to the Statute Book without debate on the ground that there is no time.

M.P.s having turned down the four-day week plan are now to be asked to work an extra hour a day on the three days that Parliament does sit each week.

Some are already saying that the present six-hour day is long enough.

Meanwhile, about 500 of the 615 M.P.s stay away from most sittings of the House, but they draw their full pay.

Finns May Make New Peace Move Soon

Former Finnish Ambassador in London, Mr. de Grepenburg is likely to become Finnish Minister in Stockholm, says British United Press.

This, it is thought, indicates that Grepenburg may play a leading rôle in possible attempts by the new Finnish Government to conclude a separate peace with Russia.

Italy Admits Revolutionary Talk

Zurich, Saturday.

PEOPLE in Italy who are talking of revolution must be silenced, says the "Popolo d'Italia.

"While our soldiers fighting for victory suffer hunger and thirst at the Front, how can we tolerate certain Italians betraying Italy by the infiltration of ideas of revolution and defeatism," asks the newspaper.

"There are only a few of these individuals, but let us silence them before it is too late."

200,000 RADIOS, LOOT FOR HUNS

The Germans are to ship 200,000 confiscated radio sets from Norway to Germany, according to reports reaching the B.U.P. in Stockholm.

This action, amounting to outright theft, is similar to a previous confiscation of blankets and skis in Norway, which were afterwards sent to the Germans in Russia.

The move is regarded as being designed to supply Germany with vital radio parts and metals.

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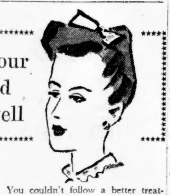

How to keep your skin lovely and save soap as well

HERE'S a simple 2-minute treatment to keep your complexion clear, smooth and lovely. And it saves *one-quarter of the soap you normally use!*

First, wring out your flannel in hot water and hold it against your face to open the pores. Moisten the hands and rub the tablet of Lux Toilet Soap between them a few times. Then, with soapy hands, massage the whole face from chin to forehead. Rinse with lukewarm water and finally, to close the pores, splash vigorously with *cold* water.

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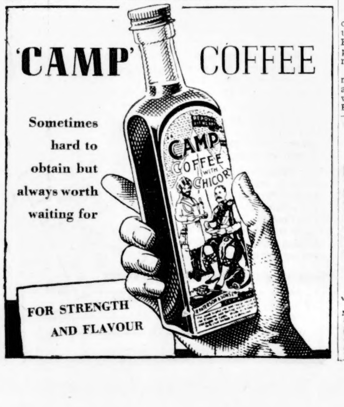

'CAMP' COFFEE

Sometimes hard to obtain but always worth waiting for

FOR STRENGTH AND FLAVOUR

U.S. "Heavies" Hit New Targets On Nauru Island

NAURU island, a Jap base in the Gilbert group 75 miles from Guadalcanal, has had its first raid from heavy American bombers.

They scored many hits on the wharf and barracks, starting several fires, a Washington Navy Department communiqué stated last night.

Several Jap planes were damaged.

Keeping up their "round-the-clock" bombing of Japanese positions in the South-West Pacific, General MacArthur's planes gave Wewak, base on the north New Guinea coast, a three-hour pounding in which over 19 tons of bombs were dropped.

Lae, vital Japanese base in New Guinea, was attacked by Havocs, which swept in just before dawn.—Reuter.

Freedom On Way, Prince Tells Dutch

"I can tell you this—everywhere work goes on energetically to hasten the hour of victory, which will also be the hour of our liberation."—Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana of the Netherlands, in a broadcast to the Dutch people yesterday.

La Guardia Is To Be Soldier

Mr. la Guardia, versatile Mayor of New York, is to serve in the United States Army. This was the surprise announcement yesterday of Mr. Stephen Earley, President Roosevelt's secretary.

Asked about reports that Mr. la Guardia might serve in some administrative capacity in North Africa or in Italy when that country is occupied by the Allies, Mr. Earley said: "It has not been decided where he will serve," adds a Reuter cable.

Newfoundlanders Reach Britain

A further contingent of Newfoundland volunteers arrived in this country recently and were welcomed by Mr. D. James Davies, the Newfoundland Trade Commissioner, who was accompanied by Rear-Admiral Sir Arthur Bromley, and the commanding officer of one of the Newfoundland regiments.

DOCTORS ARE ON 'SLAVE' LIST

French doctors, dentists and chemists are to go to Germany, under the same conditions as French workmen, to look after War prisoners, German Radio said last night.

Some French doctors, dentists, medical students and chemists who are prisoners of war in Germany will be allowed to return home.—Reuter.

★ ORDNANCE EXPERT

"Bonzo," the company pet, watches the cleaning of a machine-gun with the Eighth Army in Tunisia.

HIS 'PEP' WASN'T POPULAR

'Wop' Broadcaster Was Beaten-Up

"PEP" talker Mario Appelius, whose main job has been to keep up the courage of Italian radio listeners, was attacked and seriously injured recently. He had just given one of his cheerful messages at Milan.

He had declared that the air raids of the Allies on Italian cities were inefficient and had praised the civil defence plans and public morale, says Reuter. Evidently his conclusions angered some Italians, and Appelius was roughly handled.

Appelius was in great demand as a broadcaster till about a month ago, when it was stated by the Italian authorities that his broadcasts would cease, and that Tosti would take over his work. Tosti has broadcast only once.

On the other hand, Appelius appears to be still in high German favour, for quotations from his article in the Press were given by the German Radio on March 7 and 14, long after the Italian ban on his wireless talks.

Women "Man" Tankers

WOMEN are playing an ever-increasing part in the operation of the Caspian Sea tanker fleet, which carries oil from Baku to other ports on the Caspian for distribution throughout the Soviet Union.

One of every 20 of the crews of these tankers is now a woman.

Though there are not yet any women captains, several are first mates and many can be seen at the helm as the tankers plough through the Caspian, which is subject to sudden treacherous storms.

The Caspian tanker fleet claims to hold the world record for speed in loading and unloading oil.—Reuter.

Rescuing Axis Pilots Keeps Him Busy

A BOURNEMOUTH yachtsman, Pilot-Officer E. Legg, operates one of the most forward units of the Western Desert Air Force—a 20-ton RAF sea rescue launch.

Since the launch arrived off Tunisia its main job has been to save Axis airmen shot down by Allied fighter pilots.

Speaking of his experiences during the British advance through Libya, Pilot-Officer Legg said his launch kept pace with the Army all the way along the coast, ready night and day to move at five minutes' notice.

One call, he said, was to rescue a Hurrican pilot from a beach impossible to reach by land.

An aircraft spotter led the launch to the place where the wounded airman was lying.

He was placed in a dingy and towed out to the launch.—Reuter.

HITLER STAMPS

The German Post Office will issue special stamps for Hitler's 54th birthday on April 20, the German Radio reported yesterday.—Reuter.

EDEN "TOPS" IN U.S.

Washington, Saturday.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN'S speech at Annapolis marked the climax of a visit to the United States which has been not only a great personal success but also most fruitful diplomatically.

Press and Radio reaction to the speech has generally been very favourable.

Raymond Clapper, the political commentator, says: "The British want very much to know whether America, and particularly the Senate, is likely to support the general attitude of the administration, or whether it is to be another Wilson affair all over again."

Congress refused to ratify Wilson's peace plan when he returned from the Peace Conference after the last war.

Mr. Clapper added that Mr. Eden's visit had resulted in progress towards preparing for an extension of the wartime partnership with Russia, China and the other United Nations.

The "New York Times" columnist writes that it has been emphasised to the Foreign Secretary that America could be led into an overall association of Powers more easily than into a European Council.

"Mr. Eden is convinced that this country is much more disposed to join in a collective security system than when he left England," she adds.—Reuter.

U.S. TROOPS AT ADEN, SAY HUNS

Three divisions of American special troops have arrived in Aden in the past ten days, says the German-controlled S.T.E. news agency in Stockholm.

They are now crowding the streets and restaurants, says the report.—B.U.P.

BLACKETEERS HANG

Blackmarketing is rampant in Sofia, says the Ankara correspondent of the Independence French agency. In the past few weeks 25 people have been hanged for it.—Reuter.

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4,000,000 NAZI SLAVES

POLAND.—About 2,000 armed Germans, including troops and S.S. men, had to be called out to fight battles with Poles who resisted the round-up of men for deportation to forced labour in Germany.

Hundreds of Poles were killed in reprisals. All the inhabitants, including women and children, of several villages near Krasnobrod, were wiped out, the villages burnt down and the sites ploughed up.

NORWAY.—A police check-up has shown that in two years 17,000 Norwegians have "vanished" to escape conscription.

A police company has been sent to the mountains to look for 200 young men who fled from Trondheim.

BALKANS.—Slovene and Croat partisans have carried guerilla warfare across the frontier into Italy.

In Bratislavia, the Slovak capital, a secret anti-Fascist organisation, headed by the sons of influential Slovak Fascists, has been discovered in a secondary school.

Saboteurs destroyed three underground workshops at a German aircraft factory at Kasanlik, Bulgaria.

TODAY'S RADIO

HOME—7.0 a.m.—News. 7.15—Orchestra. 8.0—Silver Band. 8.30—Organ.

9.0—News. 9.30—Service. 10.15—Organ. 10.30—Orchestra. 11.0—Music-Lover's Calendar. 11.20 — Bridgewater Quintet. 11.45 — Messiah. 12.30 p.m. — Mostly for Women.

1.0—News. 1.15—Strange to Relate. 1.45—For Home Guards Only. 1.55—Hymns of Wesley. 2.15—In Your Garden. 2.30—Messiah. 4.30—Records. 4.45—Christian News. 5.0—News in Welsh. 5.20—Children's Hour.

6.0—News. 6.30—Armed Trawlers in the Arctic. 6.40—Field-Fare. 6.45—Joseph Weingarten (piano). 7.0—Orchestra. 8.0—Service. 8.40—Good Cause. 8.45—The Four Freedoms.

9.0—News. 9.30—The Man Born to be King. 10.15—What the Poet Sees. 10.30—Epilogue. 10.38—Theme and Variations. 11.10—The Great Victorians. 11.20—Orchestra.

12.0 midnight—News.

FORCES—6.30 a.m.—Records. 7.0—News. 7.15—Orchestra. 8.0—Records. 8.30—Cairo Calling.

9.0—News. 9.30—Orchestra. 10.15—Service. 10.30—For Indian Forces. 11.0—Bickershaw Band. 11.30—Workers' Playtime. 12.0 noon—Cuban Caballeros. 12.35 p.m.—Bob Hope Programme.

1.0—News. 1.15—Sunday Startime. 1.45—Orchestra. 2.20—Johnny Canuck's Revue. 2.50—What I Believe. 3.0—Orchestra. 3.30—Grand Concert. 4.15—The Brains Trust. 5.0 — Transatlantic Call. 5.30—Canadian Hockey.

6.0—News. 6.30—Time for Music. 7.0—American Sports. 7.10—Happidrome. 8.0—Orchestra. 8.30—Sunday Half-Hour.

9.0—News. 9.30—Orchestra. 10.0—Epilogue. 10.8—News-Letter. 10.20—Week's Films. 10.30—Music While You Work.

FROM THE U.S.

DAILY.—10.20 a.m.: America Calling Europe. 1,500 m., 373 m. and on short wave in the 49 41, 31 and 25 metres band

Marvels Of British Man-Power

WORLD'S BEST, SAYS BEVIN

"BRITAIN'S man-power is the best organised in the world . . . Even our elderly friends—the women over sixty and the men over sixty-five—have turned in to work, nearly three-quarters of a million of them. Ninety out of every hundred single women of calling-up ages are in munitions, in the Services, or doing work of National importance."

Mr. Ernest Bevin made this statement last night in a speech at Bristol. He continued:—

"Our production development has been such that no one would have dreamt that in three years we would have mastered and virtually gained parity with the Luftwaffe, or have believed that our Navy would have kept the sea lanes open for three years.

"Who would have dreamt that an army of citizens that did not want to fight and had no quarrel with anyone would go through such a training and such an ordeal?

"I am quite convinced that this great struggle that is going on, ding-dong as it is, holds in its hand a far greater fate than that of Tunisia. It will be fought out, and I have confidence in its success."

In the middle of this struggle, with grim battles in every direction, he said, we watched the growth of the man-power and woman-power needed to carry it on.

"I cannot give you the figures of what has happened, because it would tell the enemy too much. I can say this, however, there is no country in the world with its man-power so organised, so mobilised and so utilised as it is in Britain."

Of the post-war period Mr. Bevin said that the 46,000,000 people of Britain must never again experience mass unemployment.

"The dominant factor will not be merely exchanges or monetary considerations. We have had to wage this war on a basis of man-power and human energy, and our economy at the end will have to be largely based on the same thing.

"The Beveridge report is a combination of social services, and we shall carry it out, though not exactly in the way he has framed it.

"The Government is striving to bring together all these great changes. We want to build a better Britain. We want to rehouse our people, and rebuild our cities. Holidays with pay must become a social service.

"When all these things will come I cannot tell. How they will come about I don't know, but it will take a Government of mighty will to see it through.

"I want the British people to put into office a Government for this post-war job, and I want them when they have got it to show the same measure of restraint as they have shown in the war.

"If we do all the silly things we did in 1923 or 1924 we are sowing the seeds of another world war.

"Those who have the handling of this peace must not think of themselves, but of the next generations that would have to fight such a war."

THE POPE IS BACK AT WORK

The Pope's health has so improved that he was able to get up yesterday morning and work in the adjoining room, according to the German News Agency.

Cardinal Magione was received in audience.—Reuter.

RED CROSS "SNIFFS"

Doris Kerslake, aged eleven, of Falkland-rd., Hornsey, helped by Joan Hayes, aged eleven, sent the Red Cross Fund 6s., saying: "I collected this for growing a tulip at school. As it was such a nice flower. I took it round the classes and charged a halfpenny per smell."

£1,000 1st PRIZE £750 1st Runners-Up will share £250

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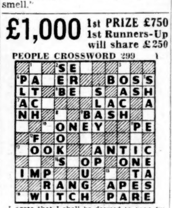

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CLUES ACROSS.—2. As far as this is concerned there are two or three different waves; 4. Plays a part in keeping race going; 6. It's by means of these that one can get 10 across; 7. King may call for the putting on of a this; 10. It's the busy bees that make the this; 13 One is likely to see many covers displayed in a this shop; 14. Workman gets annoyed if his mate should persistently this him; 16. It can be painful.

DOWN.—1. This making is a delicate business; 3. May be of the kind that one gets on a line; 4. Essential when intending to construct an air fleet; 5. It's by its this that one can recognise lake; 8. Person of normal experience has probably learned that he can't always go by these; 9. Those who this for money can sometimes be excused on the plea of need; 11. Lead may be of the sort that is used by a this; 12. What one associates with certain horses; 15. This is what puppies do.

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See next week for details and final set of squares

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Raid Could Not Stop Them

CADETS BOMBED, PASSED EXAM.

FOUR A.T.C. cadets of a South Coast town were blown off their cycles by a bomb, but went on to their raid-damaged headquarters and passed their proficiency test.

The cadets—members of a detached flight—were on their way to squadron headquarters when a tip-and-run raid was made on the town, states Air Ministry News Service.

After a bomb had fallen near them, they picked up their cycles, and clambered over debris to the building where the tests were to be held.

A bank manager who was to act as examiner was engaged on Civil Defence work. His chief clerk had been killed in the raid. Furniture from bombed-out houses had been temporarily moved into the A.T.C. headquarters and it seemed that the tests would be "off."

Then the deputy mayor stepped into the breach, offered to act as examiner, took over the test papers, and carried out the examination in a near-by café.

The commanding officer of the A.T.C. squadron reported that the four cadets—all ex-elementary school boys—passed, and were complimented by the president of the examination board.

GOOD NEWS FOR NAVY

On the German Frontier, Saturday.

MOST RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT HITLER IS THAT HE HAS GIVEN UP "DIRECTING" THE ARMY FOR THE TIME BEING, AND HAS TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO THE NAVY, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS FROM BERLIN.

The appointment of Admiral Doenitz as Commander-in-Chief in place of Raeder was the first step in his determination to intensify the submarine campaign.

The German generals are again running the campaign in Russia, but it is still not clear who is the presiding genius there.

BRAZIL TO RAISE 1,200,000 FIGHTERS

Brazil is to raise an army of 1,200,000 to fight by the side of the Allies.

This figure was given yesterday by Brigadier-General Eduardo Gomes, of the Brazilian Air Force, reported by Algiers Radio to be returning to Brazil from his Tunisian battlefields tour to recruit an expeditionary force for North Africa.—Reuter.

"KNIGHTSBRIDGE" HERO WOUNDED

Stockholm, Saturday.

The German-controlled S.T.B. news agency in Stockholm, quoting a report from Tangiers, says that Gen. Joseph Koenig, the Fighting French hero of Bir Hacheim, was recently wounded and is now in hospital in Cairo.

Koenig was awarded the D.S.O. for his part in the Bir Hacheim fighting. He held the post against Axis attacks during the battle of Knightsbridge.

Conscript Labour Lowers Output

FUNK, German Minister for Economy, told the regional heads of his ministry that the influx of unskilled labour had reduced output and quality more than he had expected, according to reports from Berlin, quoted by Moscow Radio yesterday.

"The training of the new workers will take time," he said.

"But we cannot, for that reason, reserve the more skilled workers, as the front needs men.

"The number of enterprises being closed through total mobilisation must be increased."—Reuter.

AIR CHIEF MISSING

Air Vice-Marshal Robert Parker Musgrave Whitham is reported missing as the result of air operations during this month. He was Director of War Organisation at the Air Ministry.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Venereal VD Diseases

"I was too frightened"

This is an extract from one of many letters received by the Central Council for Health Education. Permission has been given by the writer to use this extract. All evidence of identification has been removed.

"I am now 24, I do not excuse myself, but when I was 19 . . . and I contracted gonorrhoea. I was one of a very respected family in a small town and I was too frightened to see the doctor and in the end I thought the condition had cleared up . . .

Recently I got married and I should never forgive myself if I infected my wife. Also, I appreciate that I might even be sterile, but I want to know if any children we had would be affected. Do you advise further treatment . . . I cannot describe how much this has worried me. I must put my mind at rest."

The Doctor replies:

"YOU are right to ask these questions because the worry can be almost as harmful as the disease itself. You were very young when you felt that sense of shame which prevented you from going to a doctor. That was of course a great mistake. If you had gone at once you would have saved yourself all this worry. You must now go to a clinic, at the address I will give you, and make certain. Tell the Doctor at the clinic everything and he will advise you. He will also tell you what to do to avoid risk to your wife and any children you may have."

Further extracts from the Doctor's correspondence will be published later.

FREE CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE AND TREATMENT are available at clinics set up by County and County Borough Councils. Any doctor will give the address. Further information can be obtained IN CONFIDENCE from the local Health Department, or by writing to the Medical Adviser, Central Council for Health Education, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. All replies are sent in plain envelopes.

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